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Subject: SMITH, WILLIAM GARDNER

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FOIPA No. 1060225- 000

Dear Requester:

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☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

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David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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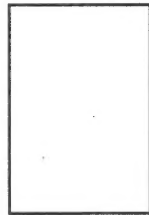
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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH presently resides at 1233 N. 54th St., Phila., and is employed as a reporter by the Pittsburgh Courier, Phila., Pa. He is the author of the best seller "Last of the Conquerors." SMITH has been actively associated with the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party and is believed to be a member of the SWP. He was considered a contact and prospective member of the Workers Party in 1948, and has been active in both the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress and the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Activities and description set forth. No credit or criminal record at Philadelphia.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Philadelphia Confidential Informants all of known reliability, to the effect that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH is believed to be a member of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The Socialist Workers Party has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

PERSONAL HISTORY

On April 4, 1951, [redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, produced records of his office reflecting that "Baby Smith" was born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, the son of LEON VERNON HEMSLEY and EDITH SMITH.

Also on April 4, 1951, [redacted] Pupil-Personnel Division, Philadelphia Board of Education, advised that a review of the records of her office reflected that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927. He entered the Smith Elementary School, Philadelphia, in September, 1932, and continued in attendance therein until February, 1938, at which time he entered the Barratt Junior High School. He attended the Barratt Junior High School from February, 1938, to February, 1941, at which time he entered the Benjamin Franklin High School, Philadelphia. He was graduated from the latter school in February, 1941. The record reflected his parents as WILLIAM SMITH, father, deceased, and BERTHA SMITH, Mother. The record further reflected that during the period of his attendance in the Philadelphia Public Schools WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH resided at the following addresses: 1438 South 19th Street, 1424 South 19th Street, and 1828 Wilder Street, all Philadelphia, Pa.

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[redacted] Records Unit Division, Veterans Administration Regional Office, 128 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, produced records of his office reflecting that WILLIAM G. SMITH, ASN 43013962, born at Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, entered the U. S. Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, on January 8, 1946, and received an Honorable Discharge on February 19, 1947, as a Technician, 5th Grade, at the U. S. Army Separation Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey. The record further reflected that SMITH served overseas in the European Theater of Operations from June 13, 1946, until January 21, 1947, during which time he was assigned to the 661st T.C. Truck Company.

The record further reflected that the subject entered the Temple University School of Business and Public Administration under the G.I. Bill on March 5, 1947, to study Journalism. He continued in attendance until May 17, 1949, at which time he withdrew from school because of "the pressure of outside contractual commitments." Record reflected that he did not complete

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his course of study, and, consequently, was not awarded an academic degree. Record also reflected that in September, 1948, the subject listed his residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

[redacted] Clerk, Registrar's Office, Temple University, advised that a review of her records reflected that the subject was in attendance in the University's School of Business and Public Administration from March 5, 1947, until May 17, 1949, at which time he withdrew voluntarily due to "the pressure of outside contractual commitments." She further advised that the records of her office reflected the subject's place and date of birth as Philadelphia on February 6, 1927, and his parent as Mrs. EDITH SMITH MARLE, 1328 Wilder Street, Philadelphia. Record further reflected that while attending Temple University the subject was employed as a staff reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier.

On April 4, 1951, [redacted] Marriage License Bureau, Room 417, City Hall, Philadelphia, advised that the records of his office reflect that WILLIAM G. SMITH was married [redacted] at Philadelphia on July 23, 1949. The record further revealed that in the marriage license application WILLIAM G. SMITH stated that he was born at Philadelphia February 6, 1927, was a writer by occupation, and at the time of application was residing at 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia. He listed his parents as WILLIAM SMITH, father, deceased, and EDITH SMITH, mother, both natives of Pennsylvania.

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The March 12, 1949, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, on page 2, column 2, contained an article reflecting that the subject is the author of the novel "The Last of the Conquerors," described as a "story of Negro G.I.'s in Germany."

The October 15, 1950, issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday Magazine Section contained an article on page 37, column 5, reflecting that

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SMITH had at that time just completed a new novel "Anger at Innocence," which was then in the process of publication. The article further reflected that SMITH was at that time employed as the Philadelphia correspondent for a Pittsburgh newspaper.

The November, 1950, issue of the "Philadelphia Fellowship Commission Report to the Community," published by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, contained an article on page 4, column 1, reflecting that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been appointed Librarian of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission Library.

(U) In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised in late January, 1951, that SMITH had resigned his position as Librarian with the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission in order to devote his time to writing.

This same informant in January, 1950, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH resided at 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The current Philadelphia Cross-Reference Telephone Directory reflects that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH continues to reside at that address at the present time.

(U) On April 3, 1951, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that SMITH continued to be employed as a reporter by the Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

POSITION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

(U) In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [] identified WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a sympathizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party were at that time anxious to recruit SMITH into membership in the Socialist Workers Party. He added, however, that officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party were concerned with SMITH because he had openly professed admiration for PAUL ROBESON. Informant further stated, however, that a majority of the officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP had defended SMITH's admiration for ROBESON as being "a

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natural thing" since ROBESON, despite his leanings towards the "Stalinists" was an impressive national Negro figure. He added that [] of [] Philadelphia Organizer of the SWP, had been one of the prominent members of the branch who had defended the subject, and stated that [] while admitting that SMITH was somewhat sympathetic to the Communist Party, had during a discussion concerning SMITH stated that the subject was at that time "at the crossroads" between the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that [] had urged all of the members of the branch to "save SMITH for the Socialist Workers Party," and that in this connection the officers of the branch had invited SMITH to attend a special meeting of the branch to be held at Party headquarters on December 3, 1949, at which a discussion on ROBESON was to be held, the purpose of which was to point out that although ROBESON was a great artist, he had played a "dirty role politically."

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The magazine section of the April 16, 1944, issue of "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, carried an article entitled "The History of Paul Robeson," by NAT LAW. This article quoted ROBESON as follows:

"How can I describe my feelings upon crossing the Soviet border? All I can say is that the moment I came there, I realized that I had found what I had been seeking all my life. It was a new planet--a new constellation. It filled me with such happiness as I have never known in my life."

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This article indicates that the visit to Russia of which ROBESON was speaking occurred around 1934.

(U) During April, 1944, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Communist Party under the name of JOHN THOMAS.

(U) In late January, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that [] had advised him that she had succeeded in winning WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH "back into the fold."

(U) Also in late January, 1950, Confidential Informant [] described WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a "very strong sympathizer" of the Socialist Workers

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Party, and expressed the opinion that SMITH would apply for membership in the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP in the near future.

(U) In late June, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been one of a select number of individuals who had been requested by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to attend a Youth Labor Delegation to Yugoslavia during the summer of 1950 as delegates of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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(U) In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised that delegates to the Youth Labor Delegation referred to above were to be "reliable and established members of the Philadelphia branch of the Socialist Workers Party."

(U) In early January, 1951, Confidential Informant [] advised that a factional dispute had arisen in the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party over the issue of the qualifications of [] to hold the position of organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party. The informant further advised that the minority faction seeking to oust [] as organizer of the branch had also severely criticized WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, and had indicated that the branch should refuse membership in the Party to SMITH because of the fact that he had previously been a member of the Communist Party. Informant further advised that members of the majority faction denied that SMITH had ever been a member of the Communist Party, and branded the attack by the minority faction on SMITH as an attempt by that faction to divert attention from the real issues involved in the dispute.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (U)

(U) In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject, on December 8 and 9, 1949, had participated in addressing and mailing notices concerning a special meeting of the Socialist Workers Party to be held at SWP Headquarters, 1303 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia.

(U) In early March, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been requested to attend a special meeting of (U)

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the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to be held at Party Headquarters on March 10, 1950, and addressed by [] a national functionary of the Socialist Workers Party. However, the informant did not personally attend this particular meeting, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so. (U) ~~(U)~~

In late May, 1950, Confidential Informant [] further advised that SMITH, at the request of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party, had agreed to write articles for "The Militant" on the general topic of "Civil Rights." ~~(U)~~ ~~(U)~~

"The Militant" is a weekly Trotskyite newspaper published by the Militant Publishing Association, 116 University Place, New York City.

JOSEPH HANSEN, a national functionary of the Socialist Workers Party, and in 1946 the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate from the State of New York, on page 27 of the pamphlet entitled "The Socialist Workers Party, What It Is, What It Stands For," described "The Militant" as the official weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party.

As set forth previously, Confidential Informant [] advised in late June, 1950, that SMITH had been requested by officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to attend a Youth and Labor Convention to be held in Yugoslavia from July 20 to September 14, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH had at first evinced genuine interest in attending this convention but had subsequently declined to do so, explaining that he felt that "the Friends of New Yugoslavia," the organization sponsoring the convention, would be regarded as a subversive organization. In this connection the informant further advised that [] New York City Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, had directed officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party to make every effort to persuade SMITH to attend the Youth and Labor Convention as a delegate of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party. (U) ~~(U)~~

With reference to the Youth and Labor Convention referred to above, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the Socialist Workers Party and the "Friends of New Yugoslavia" had collaborated in organizing this convention. The informant added that the delegates thereto were to visit Yugoslavia, where they were to participate in construction projects

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on a voluntary basis and to tour the country. According to the informant, the purpose of this delegation was to acquaint the youth of as many nations as possible with the "true state of affairs" in Yugoslavia in order to counteract the world-wide Stalinist campaign against Yugoslavia, and to promote a spirit of international friendship and brotherhood.

This same informant further advised that national headquarters for the Youth Labor Delegation were established at 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] identified by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, as a member of the Socialist Workers Party, was appointed as National Executive Secretary of this delegation.

(U) In November, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, a close associate of [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was a frequent visitor to the home of the [redacted]

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

(U) In late October, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had prepared biographical sketches on [redacted] Socialist Workers Party candidates for the U. S. Senate and Governor in the 1950 Pennsylvania General Elections for the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. The informant further advised that these sketches were to be utilized by the branch in connection with the Party's Pennsylvania State Election Campaign.

The May 20, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, Philadelphia edition, contained an article on page 2, column 4, written by the subject under the caption "Lady Candidate Raps Political Dictators." This article reflected the results of the personal interview had by SMITH with [redacted] the Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate in the 1950 Pennsylvania General Elections. The article reflected that during the course of the interview the subject had inquired of [redacted] concerning the principles of the Socialist Workers Party, to which [redacted] had replied: "The only real solution lies in international Socialism--not the dictatorship they have in Russia or the Social Democracy they have in England. I mean real international Socialism, with planned economy and workers' control of the factories and industries."

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Various informants of this office have advised that the subject has been associated with the following meetings of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SUBJECT'S FUNCTION</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
2/19/49	Open Forum sponsored by the Phila. Branch, SWP.	SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.	Attended. Acted as featured speaker.	Unknown	[] of known reliability 2/20/49 ^{b2 b7D}
4/4/49	Regular closed branch meeting, Phila. branch, SWP.	"	Attended.	Unknown	[] 4/4/49
(U) C 4/20/49	Executive Committee Meeting, Phila. Branch, SWP.	"	Attended. Submitted a report in connection w/activities of the Simpson Defense Committee.	Business Meeting	[] of known reliability ^{(U) (C)}
5/27/49	Open Forum Meeting sponsored by Phila. Branch, SWP.	"	Attended. Acted as featured speaker.	Discussion of general topic "The Public Trial of the Murderers of the FEPC at Harrisburg."	[] of known reliability, 5/27/49.
1/28/50	Social.	"	Attended	A social sponsored by Phila. Branch, SWP, 1/28/50 in honor of VINCENT RAYMOND DUNNE, Natl. Labor Secretary, SWP	[] 1/31/50

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DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION	SUBJECT'S FUNCTION	AGENDA	SOURCE
4/17/50	Meeting of the Executive Com., Phila. Branch, SWP.	SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Ave., Phila., Pa.	Announcement was made to the effect that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was to function as a member of a committee which was to prepare material for a series of lectures to be sponsored by the Phila. Branch in the fall of 1950.	Business Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> 4/20/50

(U) ~~C~~ In late December, 1950, Confidential Informant ☐ advised that SMITH had advised him that he planned to attend memorial services held at SWP Headquarters, 1303 West Girard Avenue, on December 16, 1950, in honor of KARL KUEHN, a prominent member of the Philadelphia Branch of the Party, who had died that month. However, the informant did not personally attend the services, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH actually had done so. (U) ~~C~~

(U) ~~C~~ In late January, 1951, Confidential Informant ☐ further advised that he had learned that the subject was one of six individuals who were to attend a dinner and discussion to be held at the residence of ☐ ☐ identified as a sympathizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, the Covington Arms Apartments, Philadelphia, on January 20, 1951. The informant added that ☐ all prominent members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, were also scheduled to attend this affair. However, the informant did not attend this particular meeting himself, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so. (U) ~~C~~

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE SIMPSON DEFENSE COMMITTEE

(U) ~~C~~ Confidential Informant ☐ advised that the Simpson Defense Committee, also known as the "Committee of 39 Against Police Raiding of Racial and Interracial Gatherings," was formed by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party to raise funds for the defense of ☐ a Negro member of the Philadelphia Branch. ☐ was arrested at his home on March 6, 1949, where a social sponsored by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist

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Workers Party was in progress. Thirty-eight other individuals, many of whom were members of the Socialist Workers Party, were also arrested, and all but [] were charged with disorderly conduct and held in custody until 10:00 AM March 6, 1949, at which time they were released. [] was charged with operating a "disorderly house," and was released on \$500.00 bail awaiting action of the Grand Jury. A true bill was returned against [] on March 10, 1949, but on October 17, 1949, Judge LOUIS E. LEVINthal dismissed the case against [] on the grounds of "insufficient evidence."

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(U) ~~(C)~~ In this connection, Confidential Informant [] advised in late March, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to serve as a featured speaker at the defense rally to be held in [] behalf at Party Headquarters on March 26, 1949. The informant further advised that SMITH had agreed to act as Chairman of the Simpson Defense Committee if the Philadelphia Branch of the Party organized such a committee.

(U) ~~(C)~~ Both Confidential Informants [] advised in late March, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had served as a featured speaker at the defense rally referred to above.

In this connection, the Philadelphia edition of the Pittsburgh Courier, dated April 2, 1949, contained an article on page 1, column 7, under the caption "Plan Drive to Free Mixed Party Sponsor," reflecting that SMITH had been one of the featured speakers at this particular rally and had in his remarks discussed his experiences with prejudiced Military Police in Germany and the patterns of police "terrorism in Negro neighborhoods in Philadelphia."

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Both Confidential Informants [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had pledged \$10.00 to the Simpson Defense Committee in March of 1949.

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In early April, 1949, Confidential Informant [] advised that [] Philadelphia Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, had described WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as the "key man in the Simpson Defense Committee." This informant further advised that SMITH had conferred with [] and other prominent members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party at Party Headquarters on April 4, 1949. Informant added that purpose of this meeting was to discuss the general activities to be undertaken by the Simpson Defense Committee.

The Pittsburgh Courier, dated March 19, 1949, contained an article on page 1, column 1, written by the subject, under the caption "Mixed Parties Condemned by Minor Jurist," in which the subject criticized the Philadelphia Police Department and Magistrate JOHN F. DALY for the manner in which the [] case was handled.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE KUTCHER CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

[Confidential Informant (U)] advised that the local chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee was formed by the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party in late 1948 to raise funds for the support of [] an admitted member of the Socialist Workers Party, and an Army veteran who lost both legs in combat in Italy in World War II. [] was released from his position as a clerk with the Veterans Administration at Newark, New Jersey, because of his admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party. Following his dismissal a national Kutcher Civil Rights Committee was formed to raise funds to underwrite the cost of appealing his case, and the local chapter was formed in conjunction therewith.

[In December, 1948, Confidential Informant (U)] of known reliability, advised that members of the local chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee were directed not to disclose the relationship of the committee to the Socialist Workers Party as the Socialist Workers Party did not wish the committee to be identified with the Party.

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[Confidential Informant (U)] advised in early December, 1949, that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to act as a speaker for the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

[In early February, 1950, Confidential Informant (U)] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been active in making arrangements for a special meeting to be held in honor of [] on February 24, 1950, under

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the joint auspices of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee and the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council. The informant further advised that SMITH had agreed to sell tickets to this affair.

This same informant in mid-February, 1950, advised that a luncheon honoring [] was held at the home of the subject, 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, on February 16, 1950.

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(U) Both Confidential Informants [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH acted as Chairman and featured speaker at the meeting honoring [] and held February 24, 1950, at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

In this connection, the March 6, 1950, issue of "The Militant" contained an article on page 4, column 3, which also reflected that SMITH had acted as chairman and featured speaker at the meeting referred to above. The article further reflected that SMITH, in his remarks, had emphasized that "the Negroes, who knew only too well what it meant to have their rights trampled on and taken away, must support []"

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE NAACP

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In early December, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that on December 7, 1949, WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had met with [] to discuss the activities of the Socialist Workers Party fraction in the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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In mid-March, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was active in the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP and generally supported the position adopted by the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party. This same informant in mid-June, 1950, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had attended the meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP held June 13, 1950, and following the meeting had expressed general dissatisfaction with the leadership in the local chapter of the NAACP. According to the informant, SMITH planned to carry on an intensive campaign to recruit new Negro members into the organization and to form a faction within the group in an effort to oust the leadership of the local chapter, which he described as being

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"Stalinist." The informant further advised that SMITH stated that he would utilize his position as a reporter on the Pittsburgh Courier, and his influence among other Pennsylvania Negro newspapers to bring about the ouster of the members of the local chapter.

The July 22, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, on page 1, columns 4 and 5, contained an article written by the subject under the caption "Philly NAACP Acts for Stronger Unit," in which he heralded the formation of a nine-member committee formed by the local chapter of the NAACP for the specific purpose of improving the program and general activities of the organization. This article was generally critical of the officers of the local chapter and their attempts to dominate local organization, and praised the efforts of the Philadelphia Chapter in attempting to show that the Philadelphia NAACP "is not controlled by any one political group" through its appointment of this committee. This article was especially favorable to [redacted] a member of the newly appointed committee, whom SMITH described as "one who would demand some kind of reform in tactics and press hard for reforms and Democratic procedure."

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In late July, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the local leadership of the CIO had passed a resolution not to cooperate with the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP because of the fact that it was dominated by individuals sympathetic to the Communist Party. The informant further advised that SMITH had criticized this action by the CIO, and had made arrangements to discuss the matter with local officials. According to the informant, SMITH had declared that in the event local officials of the CIO refused to reconsider their decision, he would threaten to publicize the matter in the local Negro press. The informant added that SMITH had expressed the opinion that CIO officials would agree to cooperate with the NAACP since they feared adverse publicity.

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In this connection this same informant advised that in early August, 1950, SMITH attended a meeting of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP at which the methods to be used by the fraction in its efforts to oust the leadership of the local chapter of the NAACP were discussed. According to the informant, SMITH advocated that the branch fraction collaborate with the CIO and "pack" the local chapter of the NAACP with CIO members who would assist them to overthrow the chapter leadership.

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In September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had acted as a featured speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP and held August 14, 1950, at St. Mary's Chapel, Philadelphia, Pa. The informant advised that the purpose of this meeting was to protest alleged brutality on the part of the Philadelphia Police Department against members of the Negro race in the Philadelphia area. Informant further advised that SMITH, in his remarks, was severely critical of brutality against Negroes by members of the Police Department, and declared that the Philadelphia Police Department discriminated against members of the Negro race by molesting mixed couples on the street and raiding parties and socials attended by both Negroes and whites without cause or benefit of legal process. He added that the Police Department was also unjust and unreasonable in its continual raiding of Negro hotels in the Philadelphia area.

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According to the informant, SMITH urged those in attendance to picket City Hall and demand the suspension of each officer guilty of brutality against members of the Negro race if the Police Department itself refused to take appropriate action. The informant further advised that SMITH declared that he hoped that the presence of Captain [] of the Philadelphia Police Department, who was also a featured speaker at the meeting, did not mean that the officials of the Police Department would continue to "whitewash" incidents of brutality against members of the Negro race.

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The August 28, 1950, issue of "The Militant," on page 4, column 7, under the caption "Mass Meeting Protests Philadelphia Police Brutality," contained an article reflecting that SMITH had been the featured speaker at the meeting referred to above, and quoted SMITH as stating that he hoped that the presence on the speaker's platform of Inspector [] of the Philadelphia Police, would not mean that police brutality against Negroes would be "whitewashed." The article further stated that in referring to [] presence SMITH stated "his presence smacks of fraternization at a time when I for one have no desire to fraternize."

The article further quoted SMITH as stating, "Dependence on present leaders of the Negro people will not solve the problem of brutality. It is necessary for the people to rely on themselves."

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According to the article, SMITH urged that more protest meetings against police brutality should be held, and that a delegation should be sent to discuss the matter with the Philadelphia Director of Public Safety.

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[] Confidential Informant [] advised in August, 1950, that SMITH had conferred with [] on August 20, 1950, concerning the activities of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

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The Philadelphia Tribune, dated September 12, 1950, contained an article on page 1, column 3, under the caption "Whitewash Cops in Assault on Prisoner," which reflected that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH [] were members of a committee of four from the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP which had conferred with police Superintendent HOWARD P. SUTTON to protest police brutality against members of the Negro race in Philadelphia.

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In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that SMITH had been requested by members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP to attend a meeting of the Steering Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP, to be held at NAACP Headquarters on September 20, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH had been requested to attend this particular meeting in order that someone would be present to support [] who was at that time under fire by members of the Communist Party faction within the local chapter of the organization.

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This same informant subsequently advised that members of the Steering Committee of the Local Chapter of the NAACP who were sympathetic to the Communist Party had sought to oust [redacted] from membership on the Steering Committee. Informant further advised that SMITH had been especially critical of these individuals, and had agreed to publish an article in the Pittsburgh Courier in an effort to refute their false allegations against [redacted] in their effort to remove her from the committee.

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The September 25, 1950, issue of "The Militant" on page 4, columns 4 and 5, contained an article under the caption "Philadelphia NAACP Holds Second Meeting on Police Brutality," reflecting that the subject had been a featured speaker at a special meeting of the NAACP held that month at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

The article further reflected that SMITH, in his remarks, had advocated sending a delegation to call on Mayor BERNARD SAMUEL, of Philadelphia, to demand the dismissal of Director of Public Safety ROSENBERG and Assistant Police Commissioner HOWARD SUTTON. The article also advised that SMITH was strongly supported by [redacted] identified as the Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, but was opposed by [redacted] a member of the NAACP Executive Committee, who argued that "time should be allowed to properly organize such a delegation." The article further related that the meeting ended in disorder, which is termed as "regrettable," pointing out that such was due to "distrust flowing from years of bureaucratic inactivity by the local NAACP leaders." (U)

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(In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had expressed disappointment over SMITH's participation in the affairs of the Philadelphia Chapter of the NAACP since SMITH was at that time supporting wholeheartedly the Socialist Workers Party fraction in the NAACP.

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(In late September, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been invited to attend a meeting of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party, to be held at the home of [redacted] on September 26, 1950. The informant did not attend this particular meeting, however, and was unable to state whether or not SMITH had actually done so.

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In late October, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been requested by members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party, to attend a meeting of the Steering Committee of the local chapter, to be held October 19, 1950. The informant further advised that SMITH was unable to do so because of previous commitments but had agreed to allow members of the NAACP fraction of the Socialist Workers Party to nominate him for election to the Steering Committee of the NAACP.

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This same informant subsequently advised that members of the NAACP fraction of the Philadelphia branch had severely criticized SMITH since after authorizing them to nominate him for election to the Steering Committee he had refused to accept the nomination.

The informant further advised that members of the fraction had also criticized SMITH for his failure to support a resolution introduced by the branch NAACP fraction to the effect that the local chapter of the NAACP render support to Lieutenant [] a young Negro Army Officer who was condemned to death for refusal to obey orders in the Korean campaign. According to the informant, members of the branch NAACP fraction were particularly concerned over SMITH's opposition to this resolution since they felt that SMITH, who could not be identified by the opposition as a member of the Socialist Workers Party, would have been in an excellent position to personally influence other members of the chapter.

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The October 21, 1950, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier contained an article on page 1, column 3, captioned "Sutton Reneges on the Issue of Cop Brutality," written by the subject, in which he severely criticized Philadelphia Superintendent of Police HOWARD P. SUTTON for his failure to issue orders to various Philadelphia Police Stations to the effect that all police officers who were guilty of unnecessary brutality against members of the Negro race would be punished.

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In mid-December, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject, as a candidate on the slate sponsored by the NAACP fraction of the Socialist Workers Party, was elected to the Steering Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP at the regular meeting of that organization held December 12, 1950.

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~~(S)~~ As set forth previously in this report, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH acted as chairman and featured speaker at a special meeting held on behalf of [] at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, on February 24, 1950. (U)

Confidential Informant [] further advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH in introducing [] described him as a "Revolutionist who admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party and did not try to deny or hide his beliefs." (U)

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, in April, 1950, identified [] as a subscriber to "The Militant." (U)

As set forth previously in this report, "The Militant" is the official weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE WORKERS PARTY

The Workers Party and, as it is presently known, the Independent Socialist League, has been declared by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In January, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that BILL SMITH was regarded as a contact of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party, and a potential recruit for Party membership.

(U) Also in January, 1948, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that officers of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party requested SMITH from time to time to prepare articles for publication in the Pittsburgh Courier on specific issues in which the Workers Party was interested.

(U) In late October, 1948, Confidential Informant [] advised that the subject was to attend a special meeting of the Philadelphia Branch of the Workers Party, to be held at Workers Party Headquarters, 1139 West Girard Avenue, on October 31, 1948. However, the informant did not personally attend this meeting, and was unable to advise whether or not SMITH had actually done so.

(U) In early February, 1950, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the name WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, appeared on the mailing list of the Philadelphia Branch of the Independent Socialist League.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF COMMUNIST
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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

(U) ~~(S)~~ In July, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had been invited by officials of the Communist Party to attend a luncheon to be held in New York City on July 14, 1949.

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1949, in honor of BENJAMIN DAVIS, one of the eleven indicted leaders of the Communist Party, USA. The informant further advised that transportation for this trip was furnished by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, and that SMITH had accepted the invitation to attend the affair. (S)

(U) In November, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that [] of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had enlisted the services of WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH in connection with the work of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. The informant further advised that he believed that SMITH was to prepare a narration for the Civil Rights Congress for its "Tribute To Fighters For Civil Liberties," which was to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, on November 29, 1949. The informant further advised at this time, however, that various members of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had indicated a distrust of SMITH which he believed was the result of SMITH's close affiliation with the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

(U) In late May, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that SMITH had agreed to sell tickets for a rally to be sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress and held that month in honor of HOWARD FAST.

(U) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, has identified HOWARD FAST as a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party, USA.

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This same informant in early August, 1950, advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had inaugurated a campaign to protest the treatment accorded WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, upon the occasion of his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. According to the informant, an important part of the Civil Rights Congress campaign was to obtain statements from prominent individuals condemning the manner in which PATTERSON had been treated by the committee. The informant further advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had agreed to contact a number of individuals prominent in Philadelphia to secure statements from them for this purpose.

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In early September, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had participated in a delegation sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress which visited the office of the Philadelphia Police Commissioner on September 11, 1951, to protest police brutality against members of the Negro race.

(U) (C) In mid-February, 1951, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had in that month inaugurated an intensive campaign to protest discrimination against members of the Negro race. The informant further advised that the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress had requested the subject to prepare the publicity for its campaign but that SMITH had indicated that his activity in this connection would have to be extremely limited due to his other commitments.

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(U) In mid-June, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, at the request of officials of the local chapter of the Civil Rights Congress, had attended a press conference held by WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, at the FTA Hall, Philadelphia, on June 14, 1950. The informant further advised that following this meeting SMITH conferred with [] concerning the strategy to be employed by the Civil Rights Congress in its efforts in behalf of [].

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This same informant advised that [] while residing in Alabama in 1945, had stabbed his landlord and then fled the state to avoid prosecution. [] was indicted for "unlawful flight" by a Federal Grand Jury in Alabama, and was apprehended in Philadelphia in April, 1949. According to the informant, the Civil Rights Congress sought to exploit the [] case as a flagrant example of the Department of Justice's use of the Federal Fugitive Act to facilitate the extradition of Negroes who had escaped "the lynch terror of the South".

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In mid-October, 1950, this same informant advised that [] had criticized SMITH for the manner in which he had prepared an article for the Pittsburgh Courier concerning the [] case. The informant added that [] had been especially critical of the fact that SMITH, in his article, had not accorded proper credit to the Civil Rights Congress, and stated that following a conference with [] SMITH had agreed to rewrite the article in such a manner as to give the Civil Rights Congress proper credit for its activities in the case.

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The informant further advised at this time that SMITH had agreed to prepare an announcement for the Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress in connection with a state-wide conference to be sponsored by the local chapter of the organization and held that month in Philadelphia.

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE "FREE JENKINS" COMMITTEE

In March, 1949, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, identified WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH as a member of the Executive Committee of the "Free Jenkins" Committee. (U) (C)

According to Confidential Informants [] the "Free Jenkins" Committee, which was controlled and dominated by the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was organized for the purpose of demanding the release of [] Negro youth of this city who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. KATHERINE MELLOR in the Philadelphia County courts. According to the informant, the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware attempted to exploit the [] case as an incident of police brutality and terrorism against the members of the Negro race. (U) (C)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General as being an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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The December 10, 1949, issue of the Philadelphia Tribune contained an article on page 16, column 7, under the caption "Reynolds to Address Rally for Jenkins," reflecting that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was to address a planning conference in the case of [] to be held the following Sunday at the YMHA at Broad and Pine Streets, Philadelphia. The article reflected that SMITH was to present facts at the conference developed by him in his investigation of the [] case.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE PHILADELPHIA
COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, & PROFESSIONS

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and Philadelphia representative of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, [] According to the informant, [] advised him that he was then in the process of establishing a local chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which would be known as the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant further advised that [] had stated that the PCASP was to be backed by the membership of Section 11 of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and would be regarded as a major activity of that section of the Party.

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been designated by the Attorney General as being an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(U) In June, 1950, Confidential Informant [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH had advised him that he was then attending meetings of the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant further advised that SMITH had characterized the PCASP as being composed of "Stalinists and fellow travellers."

(U) Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that SMITH has been associated with the following meetings of the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

Date	Type of Meeting	Location	Subject's Function	Agenda	Source
6/7/50	Regular meeting PCASP	322 S. 16th St., Phila., Pa.	Attended	Discussion of plans to publish an ASP Journal. Discussion of various articles concerning "Peace"	[] 7/1/50

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6/21/50	Meeting of Executive Board, PCASP	1831 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa.	Attended	Discussion of manner in which to raise funds for the proposed ASP Journal	[redacted] 7/4/50
6/28/50	Regular meeting, PCASP	322 S. 16th St. Phila., Pa.	"	Discussion of proposed ASP Journal	" "
7/12/50	Meeting of writers Section, PCASP	1415 Locust St. Phila., Pa.	"	Discussion of proposed "Peace Plan" to be launched in the fall of 1950	" 7/13/50

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of the following: the Bureau of Vital Statistics, the Philadelphia Board of Education, the Marriage License Bureau, Temple University, Veterans Administration Regional Office #10, all of Philadelphia, Pa. /

Name:	WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	152 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Birth Data:	Born at Philadelphia, Pa. 2/6/27
Present Address:	1233 N. 54th St., Phila., Pa.
Previous Addresses:	1438 S. 19th St., " "
	1424 S. 19th St., " "
	1828 Wilder St., " "
	1330 S. 20th St., " "
Education:	Smith Elementary School, Phila., Pa., (1932-38)
	Barratt Junior High School, Phila., Pa. (1938-41)
	Benjamin Franklin High School, Phila., Pa. (1941-44) graduated.
	Temple University School of Business and Public Administration 3/5/47-5/17/49; withdrew voluntarily, no degree received.

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Military Service: Entered U.S. Army at Fort Meade,
Md. 1/8/46, received honorable
discharge as T/5 at Fort Dix,
N.J. on 2/19/47
Military Occupation: Clerk-Typist
Firearms Qualifications: Marksman M1 rifle
Army Serial Number: ASN 43013962
Veterans Administration
Claim Number: C-12981990
Marital Status: [REDACTED]

Immediate Relatives:

[REDACTED]
EDITH SLETH EARLE, mother, 1330
S. 20th St., Phila., Pa.

[REDACTED]
LEON VERNON HEMSLEY, father,
address unknown.
Author, reporter
Reporter, Pittsburgh Courier,
512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.
Previous Employment: Librarian, Philadelphia Fellowship
Commission, Nov., 1950, to Jan., 1951.

Occupation:
Present Employment:

Previous Employment:

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

A review of the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau on
April 12, 1951, reflected no credit record for the subject.

A review of the files of the Philadelphia Police Department on
April 13, 1951, reflected no criminal record for the subject.

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The files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc. and the
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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

This case will be maintained in a pending, inactive status pending the Bureau's reply to Form FD-122 submitted by this office in connection with this report. Upon receipt of Bureau's instructions in this regard this case will be closed administratively.

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Pretext call by writer to Pittsburgh Courier,
512 S. Broad Street, on 4/3/51

[] New York Confidential Informant

Not used

as found in report of SA [], dated
10-24-50 at New York, captioned "SOCIALIST WORKERS
PARTY - GENERAL, INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP".

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who furnished information to SA []
on 11-24-50. [] requested that her identity
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4-4-49 to SE [redacted]
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Anonymous. Information was obtained from this source on 9-12-50 and 1-13-50.

P.O. Box 941, through which mail is received by this office under the fictitious name of [redacted]

5-27-49 to SE [redacted]

[redacted]
Trash cover maintained on SWP Headquarters, 1303 W. Girard Avenue, through cooperation of [redacted]

1-25-50 to SE [redacted]
11-1-50 to SA [redacted]

[redacted]
10-31-48 to SE [redacted]
12-20-48 to SE [redacted]

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2-27-50 to Special Agents [redacted]

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10-31-50 to SA [redacted]

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8-16-50 to SA [redacted]
9-15-50 to " " " "

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4-3-50 to SE [redacted]
5-20-50 " " " " "
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8-8-50 " " [redacted]
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[] [] as found in New York letter to Philadelphia, dated 4-28-50, and in the report of SA [] , dated 10-24-50 at New York, captioned "SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - GENERAL, INTERNAL SECURITY - SWP".

[] Trash cover maintained on the residence of [] through the courtesy of []

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[] [] 1-12-48 to SE []

Trash cover maintained on the residence of [] through courtesy of []

2-2-50 to SE []
4-26-50 " " " " " "
7-6-50 " " " " []

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[] 7-11-49 to SE []

[] 11-17-49 to SE []
[] 12-7-49 to SA []

[] as found in New York letter to Philadelphia dated 2-21 .

2-14-51 to SE []

[] who furnished information to [] on 1-21-49.

[] 3-17-49 to SE []

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[] who furnished information to SA [] on 7-4-50 and 7-1 .

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: May 5, 1951

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2/6/81

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual. (RM)

— The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

ALIASES _____

RACE Negro SEX Male NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY X INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH February 6, 1927 PLACE OF BIRTH Philadelphia, Pa.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Pittsburgh Courier, 512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

Card U.T.D.
6-18-51

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP
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NAME _____

ALIASES _____

RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List) _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP
(Bufile 100-379969)

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above captioned individual.

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NAME _____

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

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Information has been received that the subject left for Europe about two weeks ago.

Washington Field is requested to check with the Passport Division of the State Department for all information available concerning the subject's trip to Europe.

SMITH is described as follows:

Name	WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5' 11"
Weight	162 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Birth data	Born Philadelphia, Pa., 2/6/27
Address	1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Marital status	Married, [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa., 7/23/49.
Occupation	Author, reporter
FBI NO.	712 464 A

COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY
EMPLOYER B
TIME: 10:00

GLB:efb

cc: Bureau

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Date: November 26, 1951
To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief, Division of Security
Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SGP

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BY SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

DECLASSIFIED BY 2845/PMW/100/13
ON 3-27-81

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DATE OF REVIEW 1-22-91

Information has been received that captioned individual left this country for Europe approximately the middle of October 1951. The subject's itinerary is not known to this Bureau.

William Gardner Smith has been reliably reported to have actively associated with the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party and was considered a prospective member of the Workers Party in 1948. The following is a description of Smith:

Name: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
Sex: Male
Race: Negro
Height: 5'11 1/2"
Weight: 157 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Birth date: Born at Philadelphia, Pa.
Present address: 1233 N. 54th St., Phila.
Previous addresses: 1438 S. 19th St., "
1424 S. 19th St., "
1828 Wilder St., "
1330 S. 20th St., "

Education: Smith Elementary School, Phila., (1913-38)
Barratt Junior High School, Phila., (1938-41)

cc - Legal Attache, London, England
cc - Legal Attache, Paris, France
cc - Legal Attache, Madrid, Spain
cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Military Service:

Military Occupation:
Firearms Qualifications:
Army Serial Number:
Veterans Administration
Claim Number:
Marital Status:

Immediate Relatives:

Benjamin Franklin High School,
Phila., Pa. (1941-44) graduated.
Temple University School of Business
and Public Administration 3/5/47-5/17/49;
withdrew voluntarily, no degree received.
Entered U.S. Army at Fort Meade,
Md. 1/8/46, received honorable
discharge as T/5 at Fort Dix, N.J.
on 2/19/47
Clerk-Typist
Marksmen M1 rifle
ASN 43013962
C-12741990
Married [redacted] at Phila.,
Pa., 7/23/49

[redacted]
Edith Smith Earle, mother,

[redacted]
Leon Vernon Hamaley, father,
address unknown.
Author, reporter
Reporter, Pittsburgh Courier,
512 S. Broad St., Phila., Pa.
Librarian, Philadelphia Fellowship
Commission, Nov., 1950, to Jan., 1951.

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It will be appreciated if in the event any information comes
to your attention concerning the subject's activities while abroad
you will advise this Bureau.

The above is for your confidential information and should
not be disseminated outside your agency.

cc - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL AGENT

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards
Assistant Deputy/Inspection and Security

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SECURITY INFORMATION - ~~SECRET~~

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-11-52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/9,28;12/20, 26/51	REPORT MADE BY KJH:MET
TITLE WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH DECLASSIFIED BY: SP4GRM/SPM ON 9/2/81			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was issued Passport No. 511657 on 9/27/51 for proposed 10 months' travel to England, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy for business reasons. Subject's [redacted] was issued Passport [redacted]

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Subject [redacted] stated they planned to depart from New York City on the Liberte on 10/13/51. Refusal notices placed in both files dated 12/4/51. European diplomatic posts have been requested to furnish information coming to their attention regarding activities of subject [redacted] to Department of State. Permanent residence of subject [redacted] given as 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia. Subject was speaker at meeting held by the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training at Washington, D. C., on 1/8/49. Details and descriptive data set out [redacted]

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REP'T FORW. 6-6-57
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The following information was obtained from the files of the Passport Division of the U. S. Department of State.

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PASSPORT INFORMATION RE WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued Passport No. 511657 on September 27, 1951, for a proposed ten months' travel to England, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy for business reasons. In his passport application dated September 21, 1951, at Philadelphia, he stated that he intended to depart from the port of New York on the Liberte on October 13, 1951. This passport was not valid for travel to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, or military occupied areas..

The subject stated that he was born on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He listed his permanent residence as 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He gave his father's name as ☐ WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, born at Richmond, Virginia, about 1907 and now deceased. He listed his mother as BERTHA SMITH EARLE, born in Philadelphia about March 26, 1909, and at the time of the application was residing at 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia..

The subject indicated that he was married on July 23, 1949, ☐

☐ and was residing with him. He stated that this marriage had not been terminated. The identifying witness to his application was ☐ who had known him for seven years..

Passport files contain a birth certificate issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing the birth of "baby Smith" on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. File also contains a sworn affidavit dated September 10, 1951, at Philadelphia and signed by BERTHA EDITH SMITH EARLE and CLAYDENE N. JOHNS stating that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH is the son of BERTHA EDITH SMITH EARLE as disclosed in Birth Certificate No. 207480 from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that this birth was registered as "baby Smith" because at the time of registration, no name had been decided upon for him..

A refusal notice appears in the passport file of the subject under date of December 4, 1951, and is based upon information furnished by the Bureau..

The following description of the subject was taken from his passport application dated September 21, 1951:.

Height:	5' 11"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

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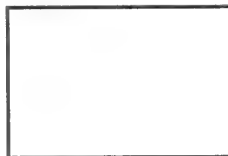
She indicated that [REDACTED]
GARDNER SMITH, who was born on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
and was [REDACTED]
terminated. The identifying witness to her application for a passport was
WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, [REDACTED] who had known her for seven years.

[REDACTED] The file contains
a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, showing the birth of [REDACTED] on
[REDACTED]

There appears in her file a refusal notice dated December 4, 1951,
based upon information furnished by the Bureau.

The following description of [REDACTED] was taken from her
passport application dated September 21, 1951:

Height:
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Under date of December 7, 1951, a circular airgram was sent by the
Department of State to the American diplomatic posts at Paris, Warsaw, Brussels,
Praha, Copenhagen, London, The Hague, Oslo, Stockholm, Vienna, Helsinki, Bern. (4)

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and Frankfurt-on-Main, noting that the Department of State desired to receive any information coming to the attention of those offices regarding the activities of the subject [redacted]

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TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

One negative and five prints each of the photographs of the subject [redacted] taken from their passport applications dated September 21, 1951.

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It is pointed out that this report is being classified as Security Information - Secret because of the inclusion therein of information from the circular airgram from the Department of State dated December 7, 1951, which bears that security classification.

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REFERENCE: Philadelphia letter dated October 30, 1951.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 4-17-52

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

Card U.T.D.

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS PRESENTLY IN EUROPE; SHOULD

ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Presently in Europe and believed to be on leave from his place of employment, the Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street, Phila., Pa.

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CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER

DATED 07-09-2007

DATE: 4-17-52

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

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Rerep SA [] at Washington, D.C., dated 1-11-52

The above-captioned subject was reported to have been issued Passport #511657 on 9-27-51. [] was issued [] on the same date for travel to France, England, Denmark, Switzerland, and Italy for a proposed ten month business trip. The subject [] stated that they planned to depart from New York City on the Liberte on 10-13-51.

As per the referenced report, the European diplomatic posts have been requested to furnish information coming to their attention regarding the activities of the subject [] while in Europe to the Department of State.

A pretext call to the subject's place of employment, the Pittsburgh Courier, 512 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on 3-31-52, established the fact that the subject is presently in Europe and would probably remain there for a year or more.

The occupants of the two apartment dwellings at 1233 North 54th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that the subject was not known to them and does not reside at such address. It is to be noted that this same address is the last known address for the subject [] while in this country. (S)

It is recommended that the [] CID and Legal Attaches be notified of the subject's presence in Europe. In view of the fact that the subject and his wife will be in Europe for an indefinite period, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: April 22

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RACE _____ SEX _____ NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Presently in Europe. Former residence, 1233 N. 54th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)
UNKNOWN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: 6-30-52

Card U.T.D.
7/15/52 gpc.

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DATE 1/22/81 BY SP5 BJS/KSP

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Correspondent, Pittsburgh Courier, Paris, France. ~~7/15/52~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facilities List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ Presently in Paris, France. Philadelphia Address: 1233 N. 54th

Philadelphia, Pa.
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Geographical SI Card will be filed under Phila. Address.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 1-19-53

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

Re Manual of Instructions, Section 87 C (10) (B).

In view of the fact that subject has been in residence abroad for an extended period of time, the Security Index Card for the subject is being destroyed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 2-12-53

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SECURITY MATTER - SWPATTENTION: Identification Division

Re FD-165 dated 6-4-51 in which the Philadelphia Office posted a Security Flash on subject.

It is desired that the Security Flash be cancelled inasmuch as the subject is no longer on the Security Index.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 5/10/55

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - SWP
(OO - Philadelphia)CLASS. & EXT. BY Sp/6st/6P
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DATE OF REVIEW 1-23-91Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] 5/5/51,
at Philadelphia, on the above captioned subject.

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(U) There has been no indication that any of the information furnished
by [redacted] has been false. Much of the information furnished by him has been
verified by other sources.(U) The Bureau has been previously notified of this former informant's
mental instability, etc. The Bureau has instructed that if there was any
indication that any other agency is considering utilizing [redacted] in any manner
in the future this should be properly called to the Bureau's attention so

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Director, FBI

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that the other agency can be advised of his instability following his discontinuance. ~~(C)~~

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The purpose of this letter is to apprise the Bureau of the use of information from in the referenced report. ~~(C)~~

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Subject's last known address is Paris, France. ~~(C)~~

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

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FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich

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ACTION:

The above information and enclosure are being directed to
the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section and the Sub-
versive Control Section.

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- 1 - Mr. Cotter
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U. S. Negro Heads Journalism School in Ghana

Ex-Philadelphian Is Critical of the West

Accra, Ghana — How many American Negroes, if they could afford it, would pack up their families and take off for one of the newly-independent countries of Africa to live and work?

The answer, according to an exceptionally bright and articulate American Negro who has done just that, is: thousands. William Gardner Smith, who was born in Philadelphia in 1927, today lives with his family in a quiet residential area here in Accra and holds a responsible and, to him, exciting job with the Ghana Government.

"There are quite a few American Negroes who have come here since Ghana became independent," Bill said. "And more and more want to come — architects, engineers, teachers and others. What holds most of them back is they can't afford the passage over."

3-Year Contract

Bill Smith, a graduate of Temple University and the author of three well-written

By MARY GOODFELLOW and TONI HOWARD
Bulletin-North American Newspaper Alliance

books with racial themes, came to Accra 14 months ago, with a three-year contract in his pocket, to work as assistant editor-in-chief of Ghana's budding television station. So he is by no means typical of American Negroes who arrive here, some without visas, and then look around to see what they can do. As a matter of fact, he spent ten years in Paris for Agence France Presse before making up his mind to come to Ghana.

Why did he come to Ghana?

"My wife and I wanted to be in a place which was really on the move. We picked Ghana because it is the most progressive state in Africa and in the world."

We were sitting in the comfortable, spacious living room of the Smiths' six-room house, a house set aside by the Ghana Government for their personal use as long as they

are here. Through large open windows one could see the Smiths' garden-boy trimming a green - and - yellow croton hedge. The room was simply furnished but boasted a record - player, radio and TV, books and pictures which the Smiths had brought with them from Paris.

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Wed French Girl

Mrs. Smith, a pretty blonde Parisienne whose name is Solange, said that since the birth of their two-month-old boy she had not been able to return to teaching French at Ghana's Institute of Languages, but she still does translations at home. Bill, who in March left his television job to become director of the Ghana Institute of Journalism, leaves the house at 7 A. M. but is through work before 3.

When they first arrived, they were surprised to find that Accra was not unlike a European city. "We haven't seen a snake yet," he said. "Or bugs. Nor have we caught malaria. We expected to land in a jungle and maybe live in a hut. But even the children are healthy, our two-year-old Michelle and the baby Claude."

'Political' Decision

The decision to come here, he said, had nothing to do with money. ("We had more money in Paris and certainly lived better there.") It was entirely because of political beliefs. Before leaving the states for France, Bill had been involved in the NAACP, the battle for civil rights and the political ideas of the left. "I loved France," he said, but there was a limit to what I could do politically. Here I am personally involved. Ghana is not socialist yet, but it will be. Once the basis is laid, we will progress to more government control of the industry. But this takes some time. Capitalism solves the problems of production and socialism solves the problems of distribution. But we cannot have socialism in an economy of scarcity."

Sold on Nkrumah

President Nkrumah, who personally offered Bill his present job as head of the Institute of Journalism, had just stated in an important speech that the duty of the

journalist in Ghana is to open the eyes of the people to "the machinations of imperialism and neo-colonialism" and had called for "revolutionary journalists — journalists who will see the world through the eyes of the revolutionary African" and hew to the party line.

Only minutes after that speech, Bill declared fervently that his ideas of journalism were identical with those of Nkrumah.

Although a tall, easy-mannered fellow, Bill at 38 knows exactly where he stands, and that is diametrically opposed to Western-style democracy and free enterprise. He blames capitalism for everything from the Negroes' lot in America ("the American power structure is incapable of integrating any more than a small percentage of Negroes") to the painfully slow development of the African states.

Critical of U. S.

"America's foreign policy is reactionary," he stated bluntly. "It is dedicated to the maintenance of the status quo in conservative countries and dictatorships and to the upsetting of the status quo in countries whose policies do not please it."

"The U. S.," he continued, "is the head of a new counter-revolutionary political alliance aimed at halting the world movement towards socialism. But this will have no more success than Metternich had in 1848, when he tried to do the same thing."

Asked about the recent riots in Los Angeles, Smith said sharply, "I don't call them riots. I call them uprisings. And there will be others. The Afro-Americans in Watts were inspired by the same liberation movement that is sweeping the world."

And will he return to the United States in the future? He still has his passport, he said, "but I can never live in the U. S. again. I am not white."

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- 1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
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To: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)
Legat, Paris
SAC, WFO (100-24914)

From: Director, FBI (100-379969)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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The Bureau file on subject indicates that he is a
Negro male born February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
is a writer and newspaperman who formerly was a member of the
Socialist Workers Party in Philadelphia and has resided outside
of the United States since 1951. He reportedly has lived a
number of years in Paris and is employed by Agence France
Presse (AFP) in Paris. [redacted] name unknown.

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- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)
- 1 - 157-8141 (Foreign Influence In the Black Nationalist Movement)

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In view of this alleged possible foreign aid to or foreign influence of black nationalists in the United States, every effort should be made to resolve this allegation and to determine if subject is in anyway involved in furnishing foreign aid, financial or otherwise, to Stokely Carmichael, SNCC or any other black nationalist groups or individuals in the United States. ~~(S)~~

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Philadelphia as office of origin should immediately reopen this matter, review their indices, conduct an intensive intelligence-type investigation and set forth appropriate leads to this end. Particularly, emphasis should be made to verify Smith's visit to the United States, his purpose, itinerary and contacts while here. In this regard, appropriate leads to verify subject's activities, along with the most recent photograph available, should be directed to Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and any other office determined to have been on his itinerary. Philadelphia should submit the results of this investigation in report form along with a recommendation as to whether additional investigation is warranted.

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WFO should promptly review passport and other appropriate State Department records for any and all information available concerning Smith including a photograph, his activities and contacts, particularly overseas. This information should be furnished to the Bureau and Philadelphia. The passport information on [redacted] previously requested in referenced airtel should also be furnished to Philadelphia for its file on Smith. ~~X~~

Legat, Paris, is requested to contact sources for information regarding Smith, his contacts and activities in France and elsewhere if possible. Particular emphasis should be placed on determining if Smith is furnishing aid in any form to Negro extremist groups and/or individuals in the United States and the original sources of this aid. You should also contact Bureau sources for any information concerning [redacted]. ~~X~~

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Subject was included on the Security Index from May, 1951, through January, 1953, based on his SWP activity, and he was canceled due to his extended residence abroad. This allegation concerning the furnishing of aid to Negro extremists in the United States by subject should be resolved if possible. ~~(S)~~

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Director, FBI(100-379969)

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: Racial Intelligence Section), sent direct with enclosures (2).
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TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Article appearing in the November 4, 1967, issue of "Tribune de Lausanne," Lausanne, Switzerland, containing a report on a talk given by William Gardner Smith.

"The Racial Problem in the United States"

William Gardner Smith is a newspaperman. He is an American. He is a man we can call a witness of our times. He is an expert on the problem of the American Negro. William Gardner Smith is a Negro.

"Club 44" of La Chaux-de-Fonds had the privilege of hearing him speak about this problem and the status of Negroes in the United States. Never will we hear a man more objective and more desirous of objectivity than he.

At the age of 24 he left the United States and an excellent job. After being away from his country for 16 years, he returned there this summer. He observed the transformation which has taken place among American Negroes.

The riots of this summer surprised everyone who is not familiar with the problem of the American Negro. In Europe people say: "What is happening? We know that there is a problem, but the Negroes are not badly treated, are they? Don't they live well?"

The condition of American Negroes, which is the reason for the riots, is difficult to set forth due to the subtlety of the problem.

First of all it must be understood that money is in short supply among the Negroes.

Also, there are the ghettos. They must be seen to be believed. I come from one. In 15 years the Negro population of Harlem has doubled. Nevertheless, the ghetto remains within its rigid confines. In Harlem you pay as much for one room as you pay for an apartment in New York, because there aren't any places in which to live. There are no empty rooms and you can't go anywhere else.

Then there is the police.

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I was 14 years old when the police came to the conclusion that I lacked proper respect. They took me to a cellar of a police station, stripped me naked and for more than a half hour beat me with a rubber hose. All the while they explained to me that they were doing it for my own good. I had to understand how I should live and what my place was in the United States. Then they arrested me and accused me of disturbing the peace. They sentenced me to ten days in prison or fifty dollars fine. Where could I find fifty dollars?

I served my ten days in prison. Thus, I was no longer able to aspire to a political position. In America you cannot have a police record and hope to be a politician.

Prices in ghetto stores are higher by 20 to 25 per cent than in other areas. You have to pay on credit to pay such enormous prices. This results in indebtedness.

In addition to this situation, there is racism. Racism is something undescribable. You must live under it to know it. I was away from the United States for 16 years and when I returned I found this evil just as I had left it. This situation: ghettos, racism, etc. carries with it the elements of revolt. However, this is not a new situation. Why then the revolt of this summer?

There were both internal and external reasons. The external reasons are the most important. For the last two years a fundamental change has taken place among American Negroes. This is very important. Negroes have always believed in integration, even when there were lynchings and homes burned down in the South. Negroes have always had faith in their struggle to integrate into American society. A new element, however, has been introduced. More and more Negroes no longer believe in this struggle.

On the interior plane, many things have led Negroes to examine their conscience.

The Second World War opened their eyes. I was a soldier in Berlin for a year and a half, in 1946. It was an astonishing revelation for me. I had joined the Army to fight against Nazism. In Berlin the Nazis treated us Negroes better than our fellow American soldiers. There was such hate between blacks and whites in the American Army that there were even group battles. They were actual battles, involving revolvers, rifles and machine guns.

This is why the American High Command forbid its soldiers to carry weapons. On the eve of the Normandy invasion, thousands of American soldiers had squared off against each other in England.

Once the war was over, Negro soldiers, just like the other soldiers, returned home. Many came from backward regions of the South. There they no longer would accept being treated as before. They had seen something else. Hundreds of thousands of them took note of their condition and joined the movement for civil rights. Later they joined the movement for integration. These movements continued to grow. There were marches, many marches. The police unleashed dogs against children. They remembered.

All this was capped by the great march on Washington. Then there was the assassination of Kennedy. Negroes believed that Kennedy was assassinated because of his favorable (at least advertised) position on Negro rights. Then there was the death of Malcom X. Negroes believed that he was killed by or with the complicity of the CIA. It matters little from the historical point of view, in regard to social movements, if this is true or not. Negroes believed it. So the Negroes took stock: non-violent demonstrations had achieved nothing. The enemies of the Negro had gone to the extreme of killing Kennedy, who was favorable to them.

They took a lesson from this.

On the exterior plane, there was the rise of the third world and in particular the rise to independence of African countries. This is most important.

When I was young, Negroes did not even think about Africans. They never saw them. They had seen blacks in Tarzan films. These blacks were idiots with spears. With African independence and the coming of black notables on the international scene, the Negro was able to identify with the African. This identification was such so as to change the opinion which the American Negro has had of himself. Negroes became proud of their African origins. They started to call themselves Afro-Americans rather than Negroes.

Vietnam is one of the very important external elements. I have spoken with the mothers of American Negroes whose sons are fighting in Vietnam against colored people. They cannot understand why their children do not have any rights at home.

In identifying with Africa, Negroes identified with all the countries of the third world. The Negro felt proud to be part of the third world with the Vietnamese, Africans and Latin Americans.

Then along came the theory of a Negro colony in America. Malcom X was the first to say that Negroes constituted a colony in America, within the United States.

Today the Negro leaders of America talk about this situation. All these things: a re-evaluation of the situation, the influence of external, and the influence of internal things led to the riots this summer.

This is only the beginning.

It is necessary to know what the militant wing of Negro movements is thinking. These are the ones who organized the riots.

TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH

Article appearing in the November 5, 1967, issue of "Tribune de Lausanne," Lausanne, Switzerland, containing a report on a talk given by William Gardner Smith.

**"Will Negroes Seize Power Tomorrow
in American Cities?"**

William Gardner Smith, American reporter, discussed the racial problem as it exists today in America in a talk given at "Club 44" in La Chaux-de-Fonds.

After having discussed the context of the problem, he explained the intentions of various groups now active in America.

"In my youth I was a militant in groups favoring integration. Then I left America for 16 years. When I returned I spent several months looking for my former comrades in the struggle. I found them and saw that they had changed a great deal. Thanks to them I was able to contact leaders of active groups, both clandestine as well as publicly known.

"The Negro leaders said: 'Since we are in an internal colony in the United States, we should fight for our independence. However, we are not able to drive the enemy out. Therefore, what can we do within the interior?'

"Certain Negroes simply 'exploded' as they did during the summer of 1967. Leaders have drawn a lesson from these explosions: The greater number of deaths occurred among Negroes, and it was mostly Negro property, stores and homes that were destroyed. Thus better means of action had to be found.

"It was in searching for a better method of struggle that the theory of Black Power was born. This theory attempts to meet the specific situation of Negroes in America.

"Black Power has two wings. One wing says: We wish self-determination. We wish to administer our own communities.

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"This is the theory of limited intervention. The other wing has for a theoretician a worker in an automobile factory, [] He is also a writer and a philosopher, but he keeps his job as a worker. This is his foot in reality. Along with all the other observers, [] maintains that a great change has taken place in the United States. More and more Negroes are coming to take up residence in the cities while whites go to the suburbs. Negroes are already in the majority in various cities such as Washington, for example. Everywhere their numbers are increasing. Therefore, [] proposes: 'Let us take and govern American cities.'

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"Experts are in agreement when they say that if the migratory tendency continues then Negroes will be in the majority in all the major American cities within five or ten years.

"Let us form a government in Detroit, Chicago, New York, and let us name a Negro mayor, a Negro chief-of-police and a Negro treasurer.

"As a result of increasing automation, less and less people work in private business. Employees of the government, states and cities are becoming more and more numerous. If we govern the cities, we shall decide the fiscal policy and we shall control all the employees of administrations where we appoint Negroes. Is this possible or not? An important segment of Negroes believes that it is possible: that they will control the large cities.

The Groups

"Black Power - This is the 'rising' group which attracts people living in the ghettos where numerous participants in the summer revolts were recruited. Furthermore, the great event of 1967 was essentially this: The entry into action of the ghetto people. These people had never before done so.

"The Separatists - Better known under the name 'Black Muslims,' these people are supporters of the idea of creating two or three independent Negro states in the American South. Nobody besides the Muslims themselves believe in this idea. Even Ralph Brown does not believe in it. What would these states be without resources? It would be worse than in Latin America.

"The Integrationists - These are composed of different groups who still believe in integration. You find Negroes of the bourgeois class, some Southern rural Negroes and usually those over 40 years of age and conservatives included in this group. They follow Martin Luther King.

"The Five Per Cent - These are the young anarchists. They are very dangerous. According to them, the Negro population of the United States is composed of 10 per cent traitors, 85 per cent sheep and 5 per cent active Negroes.

"For its supporters, Black Power is not a lasting solution but only a stage in the struggle. In this perspective they envisage an action which will completely transform all of American society. In the end whites and Negroes will live in harmony. If you mention socialism they say that this is a type of socialism different from any now known.

"They can count on the support of certain allies. However, they do not wish direct support but a parallel support from these allies. The partisans of Black Power believe in the support of a certain segment of the young white population. For example, the 'Movement of Students for a Democratic Society' is one such example. Members of 'The Five Per Cent' advocate a radical change in American society. They say 'that which we wish for the United States is to be different than anyone else in the world.' They admire Fidel Castro and 'Che.'

"Leaders of the Black Power Movement work for joint action by their group and related groups.

"Next year will be worse than 1967. There will be 'more of the same thing,' but everything will be better organized in the summer of 1968. You will see more and more white youths entering into action on the side of the Negroes. I saw in Chicago white snipers firing alongside Negro snipers. This is an interesting but a little known fact. Snipers fired from roof tops in many large cities. They fired at police officers only (during the demonstrations a significant fact is that the only dead whites, with one single exception, were police officers). Newspapers did not mention these incidents. They were asked not to because this would have created a public uproar. Sent by Negroes, white youths infiltrate extremist white organizations in order to become acquainted with the intentions of the enemy and prepare a counter thrust.

"Along with these violent actions, you are going to see a political movement being born for the 1972 elections and a split in the Democratic Party. This is all I have to say for the moment."

That was all for the time being, but after a pause of a quarter hour, Smith spoke three more times in replying to questions from his audience.

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Un journaliste noir américain au « Club 44 », à La Chaux-de-Fonds

Le problème racial aux Etats-Unis

L'été 1968 sera encore plus chaud que celui de cette année...

William Gardner Smith est journaliste. Il est Américain. Il est de ceux que l'on peut appeler les témoins de notre temps. C'est un des meilleurs connaisseurs du problème noir américain. William Gardner Smith est un Noir.

Le « Club 44 » de La Chaux-de-Fonds a eu le privilège de l'entendre parler du problème et de la situation des Noirs aux Etats-Unis. Rarement on aura entendu un homme plus objectif, plus soucieux d'objectivité que lui qui est directement concerné.

A l'âge de 24 ans, il quitte les Etats-Unis en même temps qu'une situation brillante. Pendant 16 ans, il ne repasse jamais la frontière de son pays. Il y est retourné cet été. Il a observé la transformation qui s'est opérée parmi les Noirs américains.

Les « explosions » de cet été ont surpris tous ceux qui ne connaissent pas le problème noir américain. En Europe on m'a dit : « Mais que se passe-t-il, on savait qu'il y avait un problème, mais les Noirs sont bien, non ? Ils vivent bien ? »

La condition des Noirs américains, la raison pour laquelle l'« explosion » s'est produite à ce moment de l'histoire est difficile à exposer, de par les subtilités du problème.

Il faut comprendre, d'abord que l'argent n'est pas tout et ensuite qu'il n'y a pas beaucoup d'argent chez les Noirs.

D'abord, il y a les ghettos. Il faut les avoir vus. J'en viens. En 15 ans, la population noire de Harlem a doublé. Mais le ghetto est resté dans ses limites rigides. A Harlem, on paye aussi cher une seule pièce qu'à New York tout un appartement, car il n'y a plus de place pour se loger. Il n'y a plus de chambres vides et on ne peut pas aller ailleurs.

Puis il y a la police.

« BATTU POUR MON BIEN ».

J'avais 14 ans lorsque la police a estimé que je lui manquais de respect. Les policiers m'ont emmené dans la cave du poste de quartier. Ils m'ont mis nu. Pendant plus d'une demi-heure ils m'ont battu avec un tuyau de caoutchouc en m'expliquant qu'ils faisaient cela pour mon bien. Je devais comprendre comment il fallait vivre, quelle était ma place aux Etats-Unis. Puis ils m'ont arrêté et accusé de tapage sur la voie publique et ils m'ont condamné au choix, 10 jours de prison ou 50 dollars d'amende. Où trouver 50 dollars.

J'ai fait 10 jours de prison. Ainsi je ne pourrais plus prétendre, plus tard, à un poste politique. En Amérique il faut avoir un casier judiciaire vierge pour faire de la politique.

LE RACISME

Les magasins dans les ghettos vendent plus cher qu'ailleurs, de 20 à 25 pour cent. On est obligé d'acheter

me. C'est une chose incommunicable, le racisme. On doit le vivre pour le connaître. J'ai été absent des Etats-Unis pendant 16 ans, quand j'y suis retourné, j'ai retrouvé le malaise comme lors de mon départ. Cette situation, ghettos, sous-prolétariat, racisme, etc., porte en elle les éléments de la révolte mais ce n'est pas une situation nouvelle. Alors pourquoi la révolte de cet été ?

CHANGEMENT FONDAMENTAL CHEZ LES NOIRS

Il y a des raisons internes et externes. Celles-ci sont les plus importantes. Il s'est opéré, ces deux dernières années, un changement fondamental chez les Noirs américains. C'est très important. Les Noirs ont toujours cru à l'intégration même au moment des pires émeutes, des lynchages, des pendaisons, dans le Sud. Ils ont toujours cru à leur lutte pour s'intégrer dans la société américaine. L'élément nouveau c'est qu'ils sont toujours plus nombreux à n'y plus croire.

Sur le plan intérieur, plusieurs choses ont amené les Noirs à une prise de conscience.

La deuxième guerre mondiale leur a ouvert les yeux. J'ai été soldat à Berlin, pendant un an et demi, en 1946. J'ai eu là-bas une révélation étonnante. Je m'étais engagé pour me battre contre le nazisme. A Berlin, les nazis nous traitaient mieux, nous les Noirs, que nos camarades américains de la même armée. La haine était telle dans l'armée américaine entre Noirs et Blancs qu'il y eut des batailles rangées. Des vraies batailles avec mitraillettes, fusils et revolvers.

C'est pourquoi le haut commandement américain en Allemagne a interdit le port d'armes à ses soldats. La veille du débarquement en Normandie, des milliers de soldats américains s'étaient ainsi affrontés en Angleterre.

La guerre terminée les soldats noirs, comme les autres, sont rentrés chez eux. Beaucoup venaient des régions retardées du Sud. Là-bas les blancs

gager dans le mouvement pour les droits civiques. Puis à passer dans les mouvements pour l'intégration. Les mouvements ont été crescendo. Il y a eu les marches. De nombreuses marches. Les policiers ont lâché des chiens contre les enfants. On s'en souvient.

Tout cela s'est terminé par la grande marche sur Washington. Puis il y a eu l'assassinat de Kennedy. Les Noirs croient que Kennedy a été assassiné à cause de sa position (du moins affichée) favorable au droit des Noirs. Il y a eu la mort de Malcolm X. Les Noirs croient qu'il a été tué par ou avec la complicité de la CIA peu importe, du point de vue de l'histoire des mouvements sociaux, si c'est vrai ou pas. Les Noirs le croient. Alors ils font un constat. Les marches non violentes n'ont rien donné. Les ennemis des Noirs ont été cette extrémité : tuer Kennedy qui leur était favorable.

Ils en ont tiré la leçon. Sur le plan extérieur, il y a eu la montée du tiers monde et en particu-

lier l'accession à l'indépendance des pays d'Afrique. C'est très important.

Quand j'étais jeune, les Noirs ne se pensaient pas Africains. Ils ne le pouvaient pas. Ils avaient vu les Noirs dans les films de « Tarzan » ces Noirs idiots avec des lances. Avec l'indépendance de l'Afrique et la venue de personnalités noires sur la scène internationale ils purent s'identifier à l'Afrique. Cette identification a été jusqu'à changer l'opinion qu'avait de lui-même le Noir américain. Il était fier de revendiquer ses origines africaines et les Noirs ne s'appelaient plus « nègres » mais afro-américains.

Parmi les éléments extérieurs très importants il y a le Vietnam. J'ai parlé avec des mères de Noirs américains dont les fils se battent au Vietnam contre des gens de couleur. Elles ne comprennent pas pourquoi puisque chez eux, leurs enfants n'ont pas de droits.

Les Noirs en s'identifiant avec l'Afrique ont étendu cette identification à tous les pays du tiers monde.

Ils estiment faire partie du tiers monde comme les Vietnamiens, les Africains ou les Latino-Américains.

Puis est venue la théorie de la colonie noire en Amérique. C'est Malcolm X qui le premier a dit que les Noirs constituaient une colonie en Amérique, à l'intérieur des Etats-Unis.

Aujourd'hui tous les chefs noirs d'Amérique parlent de cette situation. Or, tout cela, la prise de conscience, l'influence des choses extérieures et intérieures a amené, provoqué les explosions de cet été.

Et ce n'est qu'un début. Il est capital de savoir ce que pense l'alle marchande des mouvements noirs. Ce sont ses éléments qui ont organisé les émeutes. G. Ed.

Lire demain la suite de cet article sous le titre : « LES NOIRS SERONT-ILS AU POUVOIR DEMAIN DANS LES VILLES AMERICAINES ? »

Negro Spiritual et gospel song Festival à Lausanne



Du nouveau dans le domaine du gaz

Journée d'information, mardi dernier, organisée par la Société des gaziers de Suisse romande et qui nous mène de la nouvelle usine à gaz de Châtelaine (Genève) à la cité du Lignon, avant de revenir ensuite flâner parmi les stands du Salon des arts ménagers. Tout cela sur le thème du gaz, bien entendu.

De notre visite à la nouvelle centrale de production de gaz de Châtelaine, nous gardons l'image admirative d'une puissante réalisation moderne, non seulement dans sa conception et son rendement, mais aussi par le fait que ces installations défient avec succès l'idée que l'on se faisait de l'usine à gaz empuissée, enfumée et dégageant de nauséabondes effluves. Ici, rien de semblable ! Tout est clair, propre, inodore et silencieux. Il est vrai que tout y est automatisé au maximum, sous une surveillance humaine singulièrement réduite. Un seul homme, par exemple, au poste de commande de l'étonnant tableau de bord qui contrôle tout le processus de fabrication.

Quel est donc ce procédé révolutionnaire, qui porte le nom mystérieux pour le profane — de « craquage catalytique d'essence légère » ? Il s'agit d'une essence sous pression additionnée de vapeur d'eau, mélange qui, après avoir passé dans le générateur spécialement équipé devient gaz. Et un gaz dont l'un des atouts majeurs est d'être pratiquement non toxique, car on lui fait subir, avant de l'expédier dans les gazomètres, un traitement destiné à réduire fortement sa teneur en oxyde de carbone.

CHAUFFAGE A DISTANCE

C'est le cas de la spectaculaire cité du Lignon, directement reliée par circuits souterrains à la grande centrale réalisée à l'intérieur même de la nouvelle usine à gaz, dans le but d'apporter la solution la plus moderne et la plus rationnelle au problème du chauffage des grands immeubles locaux. Ainsi donc l'ensemble du Lignon, fort de quelque 3000 logements, reçoit sa part de calories et d'eau chaude sans qu'il soit besoin de stocker du combustible, sans pollution d'air dans les sous-sols des habitations, évitant chaufferies, cheminées d'évacuation, etc. Avantages sur toute la ligne d'un système qui se développe rapidement dans la plupart des pays d'Europe, dont le nôtre.

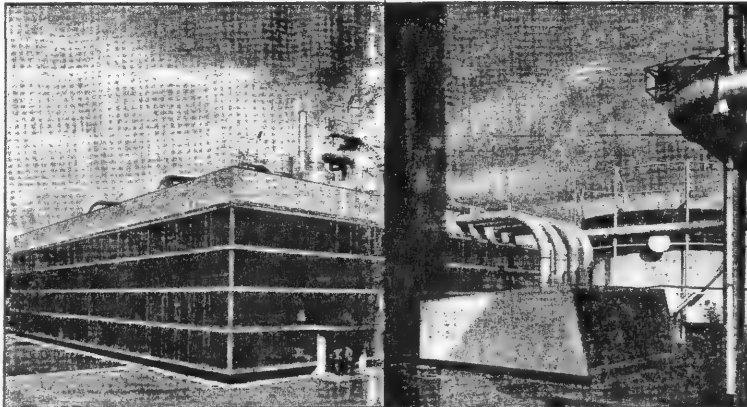
Si vous le voulez bien maintenant, chères lectrices intéressées par la flamme vivante du gaz, passons aux Arts ménagers. Il y a, bien sûr, nom-

bre d'appareils actionnés par le gaz tout au long des stands de ce Salon d'automne genevois, du chauffe-eau au réfrigérateur en passant par le radiateur et la machine à laver. Mais rien de plus irrésistible que les cuisinières modernes, rutilantes, qui retiennent le regard d'envie des mal-

tresses de maison. L'une d'entre elles, surtout, donne à rêver... On voit à l'intérieur du four ce qui s'y mijote ou y rôtit ; on peut glisser les casseroles d'un brûleur à l'autre sur leur support, sorte de grille élégante et amovible assurant le nettoyage le plus facile. Et pourtant, tout cela n'est

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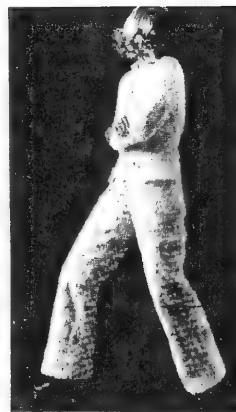
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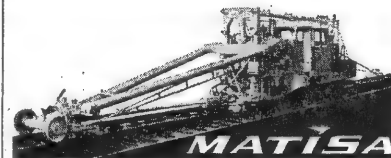


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Un journaliste noir américain au « Club 44 » à La Chaux-de-Fonds LES NOIRS S'EMPARERONT-ILS DU POUVOIR DEMAIN DANS LES VILLES AMÉRICAINES ?

William Gardner Smith, journaliste américain a exposé le problème racial tel qu'il se présente aujourd'hui en Amérique, au « Club 44 » à La Chaux-de-Fonds.

Après avoir démontré dans quel contexte le problème se posait (1), il explique les intentions des divers groupes actifs actuellement en place en Amérique.

« Dans ma jeunesse, j'ai été un militant dans les groupes partisans de l'intégration. Puis j'ai quitté l'Amérique pendant seize années. Quand j'y suis retourné, il y a quelques mois, j'ai recherché mes anciens camarades de lutte. Je les ai retrouvés. Ils avaient bien changé. Grâce à eux, j'ai pu entrer en contact avec les dirigeants des groupes actifs tant clandestins que publiquement connus.

Les chefs noirs disent : « Puisque nous sommes une colonie intérieure, aux USA, nous devons lutter pour notre indépendance. Mais nous ne pouvons pas chasser l'ennemi. Alors, que faire de l'intérieur ? »

Certains Noirs « explosent » simplement, comme cet été 1967. Les dirigeants ont tiré la leçon de ces explosions : la plupart des tués étaient des Noirs et c'étaient des propriétés de Noirs qui ont été détruites, magasins et logements. Il faut donc trouver de meilleurs moyens d'action.

C'est en recherchant un moyen efficace de lutte qu'est née la théorie du pouvoir noir. Elle essaye de répondre à la situation spécifique des Noirs en Amérique.

Le « pouvoir noir » a deux ailes. D'un côté on dit : nous voulons l'autodétermination, nous voulons que nos communautés s'administrent elles-mêmes.

C'est la théorie d'une intervention limitée. L'autre aile a un ouvrier d'une fabrique d'automobiles pour théoricien, James Box. Il est aussi écrivain et philosophe, mais il tient à conserver son emploi d'ouvrier, c'est son pied dans la réalité. Avec tous les observateurs, Box constate qu'une grande transformation s'opé-

grandes villes américaines dans 5 à 10 ans.

Formons un gouvernement à Detroit, Chicago, New York, nommons un maire noir, un chef de la police noir, un chef de la fiscalité noir.

Par suite du fort développement de l'automatisation, de moins en moins de gens travaillent dans le secteur privé. Les employés de l'administration fédérale, des Etats et des villes sont toujours plus nombreux. Si nous gouvernons les villes, nous déciderons de la politique fiscale et nous contrôlerons tous les emplois de l'administration où nous nommerons des Noirs. Est-ce possible ou pas ? Toute une fraction, importante, des Noirs sont convaincus que le phénomène est possible : qu'ils contrôleront les grandes villes.

LES GROUPES

LE POUVOIR NOIR. — C'est le groupe « monté » qui attire les gens des ghettos où ont été recrutés nombre de participants aux émeutes de cet été. Ce fut d'ailleurs révélateur, le grand événement de 1967 : l'entrée en action des gens du ghetto. Ils n'avaient jamais bougé avant.

LES SEPARATISTES. — Plus connus sous le nom de « Black Muslims » (les Musulmans noirs). Ils sont partisans de la création de deux ou trois Etats noirs indépendants dans le Sud des Etats-Unis.

A part eux, personne n'y croit. Même Ralph Brown n'y croit pas. Que seraient ces Etats, sans ressources ? Ce serait pire qu'en Amérique latine.

LES INTEGRATIONNISTES. — Ils sont composés de différents groupes qui croient encore à l'intégration. On y trouve des Noirs de la classe bourgeoise, des ruraux du Sud, en général tous ceux qui ont plus de 40 ans et sont assez conservateurs. Ils sont derrière Martin Luther King.

LES « 5 % ». — Ce sont des jeunes, des anarchistes. Ils sont très dangereux. Pour eux la population noire des Etats-Unis est formée de 10 % de traitres, de 85 % de moutons et de 5 % de Noirs actifs.

Pour les partisans du pouvoir noir, celui-ci n'est pas une solution durable, il n'est qu'un stade de la lutte. Dans cette perspective, ils envisagent une action qui transformerait complètement toute la société américaine. Les Blancs et les Noirs, à la fin de cette transformation, vivraient en bonne harmonie. Si on leur parle de socialisme, ils disent qu'il s'agit d'un socialisme différent de tout ce que l'on connaît.

Ils peuvent compter sur de sérieux alliés dont ils ne veulent pas un soutien direct mais parallèle. Les partisans du pouvoir noir croient à l'appui d'une certaine partie de la jeunesse blanche. Tel, par exemple, le « Mouvement des étudiants pour une société démocratique ». Ils sont partisans d'un changement radical de la société américaine. Ils disent : « Ce que nous voulons aux Etats-Unis doit être différent de tout ce que l'on connaît dans le monde. » Ils

admirent Fidel Castro et le « Che ».

Les dirigeants du pouvoir noir travaillent à une convergence des actions parallèles de leur groupe et des « apparentés ».

L'AVENIR IMMEDIAT

L'année prochaine sera pire que 1967. On aura « plus de la même chose » mais tout sera mieux organisé en 1968. On va voir de plus en plus de jeunes Blancs entrer en action à côté des Noirs. J'ai vu à Chicago des tireurs blancs à côté des tireurs noirs. C'est intéressant et peu connu. Les tireurs ont poursuivi leur action depuis les toits dans plusieurs grandes villes. Ils tiraient sur les policiers, uniquement (pendant les émeutes, fait significatif, les seuls morts blancs, à part une seule exception, ont tous été des policiers). Les journaux n'ont pas parlé de ces « incidents ». On leur avait demandé de n'en pas faire état parce que cela créait une publicité néfaste. Cela encourageait les indécis. Envoyés par des Noirs, de jeunes Blancs s'infiltraient dans les organisations extrémistes blanches pour connaître les intentions de l'ennemi et se préparer à la riposte.

Parallèlement à ces actions violentes, on va voir naître un mouvement politique pour les élections de 1972 et un schisme dans le parti démocrate. C'est tout ce que j'ai à dire pour l'instant.

C'était tout en effet pour l'instant, mais après une détente d'un quart d'heure, M. Gardner Smith en a dit encore trois fois plus en répondant aux questions de son auditoire...

G. Bd.

Entracte

Les malheurs des autres

Pour participer vraiment aux malheurs d'autrui, comme s'il s'agissait des nôtres, il faut ramener leur durée à un temps convenable.

C'est ce qu'on fait au théâtre. Des gens pleurent sur le sort d'Edipe durant deux heures, alors qu'ils ne pourraient s'en attrister indéfiniment, à la vie. N'exigeons pas de nos semblables qu'ils se désolent de nos infortunes, en matinée et en soirée, tout au long d'une année !

Il convient, d'ailleurs, de préciser à ce propos que le cas des grands chagrins réservés, l'homme est enclin à s'exagérer l'importance de ses ennemis.

Je ne vois qu'un moyen pour lui de les ramener à leur exacte proportion : c'est d'imaginer le comportement qu'il aurait si un autre en souffrait à sa place et de se prodiguer à lui-même les consolations qu'il ne manquerait pas de lui infliger : « Ce n'est rien, voyons, ce n'est rien ! »

Je me souviens des cris de colère et de douleur d'un confrère qui venait de constater, en ouvrant un journal, qu'un papier signé de sa main, fourmillait de coquilles et de mastic.

On avait même ajouté des fautes aux siennes !

Cela n'a plus aucun sens, s'exclama-t-il, et à chaque instant, un furon lui échappait comme une exclamation de désespoir.

Au bout d'un certain temps j'essayai de le calmer :

« C'est fâcheux, je suis bien d'accord avec vous, c'est même affligeant, mais supposez que je sois l'auteur de ce billet, et vous verrez, cet accident vous paraîtra beaucoup moins grave. »

Il voulut bien sourire d'un pâle sourire de convalescence.

Essayons donc de supporter nos malheurs avec la même philosophie que nous mettons à supporter ceux des autres !

Léandre.

REUNION DES REDACTEURS DE JOURNAUX D'ENTREPRISE, A BIENNE L'épineux problème de l'information politique

si la tendance « migratrice » se poursuit dans le sens décrit, les Noirs seront en majorité dans toutes les

tacts avec le personnel sont devenus problématiques en raison de leur extension, on peut admettre que le ti-

fessionnelles, des textes de culture générale, etc., conçus en fonction des lecteurs touchés.

tent à l'économie, sans parler des maux sans nombre qu'ils entraînent pour les victimes et leur famille. Les journaux d'entreprise peuvent contribuer au succès d'actions communes pour lutter contre les causes de ces accidents.

ET L'INFORMATION POLITIQUE ?

Un autre sujet, intéressant mais épineux a été traité à cette réunion de quelque 50 rédacteurs, accourus de tous les coins de Suisse romande. Faut-il ou peut-on utiliser le journal d'entreprise pour faire de l'information politique ? De la discussion on retire, qu'une telle information ne doit en tout cas être ni polémique, ni conçue sous forme d'un catéchisme civique. En revanche, il est souhaitable, à notre époque où les problèmes se compliquent, et où l'on compte de nombreux abstentionnistes, que les lecteurs de ces journaux soient informés succinctement et très objectivement sur les grands problèmes de la vie économique, politique et sociale du pays, ce qui les incite à lire plus attentivement les quotidiens. Dans un pays qui compte beaucoup de travailleurs étrangers, que l'on parle d'assimiler, il est

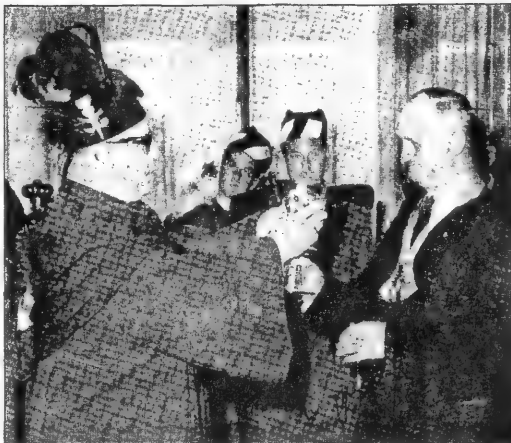
sur l'information politique en Suisse. Son exposé a fourni les bases du problème, tel qu'il se pose aux rédacteurs de journaux d'entreprise et suscitait une vivante discussion. M. Vodoz a montré que dans l'information politique, le journaliste conscient de sa responsabilité s'efforce de faire avant tout œuvre « descriptive », de déceler, derrière les faits et les propos, des intentions et des courants d'idées. Le journaliste suisse, traitant les problèmes politiques n'est, dans la règle, pas non plus un spécialiste de formation. C'est un « amateur éclairé ». M. Vodoz a insisté sur une condition « sine qua non » d'une juste information politique : du moment qu'elle est descriptive, elle doit l'être à la lumière de l'histoire et de l'avenir. Aussi, celui qui veut faire le métier d'informateur doit-il beaucoup réfléchir et lire. Tel est l'essentiel d'un exposé qui a été apprécié, en raison de sa clarté et de sa solidité. En 1968, le Groupement romand des rédacteurs de journaux d'entreprise organisera le 25e anniversaire de l'Union suisse qui, elle, embrasse quelque 300 journaux... soit 600 000 lecteurs.

De.

Une coupe d'argent et de pierreries pour la Noble confrérie du Guillon

Hier, nous en étions au 95e ressat de la Confrérie du Guillon qui, on le sait, depuis le millésime de sa fondation, 1954, s'efforce de promouvoir la compagnie des vins vaudois avec la haute cuisine. Si le siège essentiel de ses tenues gastronomiques et vineuses est avant tout le château de Chillon, la confrérie prend la route, retrouve des châteaux et prononce l'Evangile outre-Sarine. On garde en Suisse orientale un souvenir pénétrant du ressat au château d'Arbon, le 13 octobre de cette année.

Un grand nombre de personnalités venues d'un peu partout fêtaient les Vaudois qui, on le sait, étaient en ambassade officielle à la foire de l'Olma. La Confrérie du Guillon a su créer un large esprit d'amitié au travers du pays et hier, précisément, elle en recevait en quelque sorte une manière de bénéfice. Trois compagnons d'hon-



neur, MM. André Panchaud, président du Tribunal fédéral, Emile Landoit, ancien président de la ville de Zurich, Joseph Condrau, ancien conseiller aux Etats des Grisons prirent l'initiative d'ouvrir une souscription parmi les dignitaires de la confrérie. L'écho fut si chaleureux que la coupe de cérémonie prévue put être commandée à un orfèvre zurichois qui créa un modèle original, en ayant foncé l'intérieur de vermeil et rehaussé l'extérieur d'une grappe rouge et d'une grappe dorée par les effets chatoyants de pierres précieuses.

Hier, au cours du ressat qui devait se dérouler au Beau-Rivage à Ouchy, l'ancien président de la Confédération, M. Paul Chaudet, l'un des premiers compagnons d'honneur de la confré-

rie, remit la coupe dans les mains gantées de violet du gouverneur Ancken, en présence de 141 invités. On rendit hommage au fondateur de la confrérie, le gouverneur François Cuenoud, on rappela que quelque 1800 membres reçus portaient haut le verre pour honorer les vins vaudois. Le repas fut de classe, on entendit les propos spirituels des clavadiers et des chantes des vins, on fit fête à Gilles, compagnon d'honneur qui, si dans la circonstance il parla d'eau,

ce fut pour dire sa délicate Venoge ! Après quoi, on félicita l'impressionnante brigade des cuisiniers, leur chef, le grand patron de l'hôtel, puis l'on s'en fut humer et goûter le vin nouveau à Epesses, encore bien jeune mais prometteur.

J.-P. Mac.

La Semaine de prière pour l'unité Déclaration œcuménique

Au terme d'un long débat, le Synode a recommandé aux paroisses la lecture d'une déclaration commune aux Eglises catholique et protestante lors des cultes du dimanche de la Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens (18-25 janvier). Cette recommandation prendra effet au moment où l'Eglise catholique romaine lira la même déclaration aux offices célébrés dans le canton. Le Synode souhaite que les Eglises protestantes de Suisse romande adoptent une pratique semblable.

« En cette semaine de prière pour l'unité chrétienne, les chrétiens, séparés les uns des autres par de profondes divergences qu'il serait déloyal de nier, peuvent cependant s'unir dans la prière du Christ pour ses disciples au soir de sa passion : « Que tous soient un ! ». Certes, chacun de nous restant fidèle aux croyances qu'il juge conformes à l'Evangile, nous n'envisageons pas de la même manière le mystère de l'unité de l'Eglise ni les conditions requises pour que cette unité s'accomplisse.

Mais si notre volonté commune et fondamentale est d'être disponibles pour l'œuvre du Seigneur, nous pouvons demander ensemble « qu'arrive l'unité des chrétiens telle que le Christ la veut, par les moyens qu'il voudra ». Ainsi nous nous associons à l'intention de Celui qui « est toujours vivant pour

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FRANCE WFO, in addition to reviewing passports, is requested to review visa records to determine if WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH entered the United States on a French or Ghana passport with a U. S. visa.

Philadelphia will prepare a report and set out leads for other offices as soon as this information is received from WFO.

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Philadelphia should comply with above instructions in preparing its report on Smith. Washington Field, in the [redacted] case, upon determining the office covering the permanent residence of [redacted], should furnish the above instructions to that office along with instructions that when independent verification of subject's travel to the United States from Paris around December 30, 1967, is made, Philadelphia should be so advised so Philadelphia can include that information in its report on Smith. (S) 7

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 1/23/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO - PH)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau one copy each of four documents appearing in the files of the Citizenship Unit, Consul General's Office, American Embassy, Paris, containing background information regarding WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH. This is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Further inquiry is being conducted and when further information is obtained, all pertinent information will be placed in an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Paris files contain no prior information pertaining to [redacted], a contact of STOKELY CARMICHAEL, other than that she was in touch with CARMICHAEL during his visit here. That information is contained in Paris LHM dated 12/18/67, captioned "STOKELY CARMICHAEL." We have requested sources of the Paris Office to furnish information pertaining to [redacted] but no information has been received as yet. In the event the Bureau has background information regarding [redacted] it is requested that it be furnished to this office.

The files of the Paris Office reflect that [redacted] was also mentioned in Paris LHM dated 12/18/67 pertaining to STOKELY CARMICHAEL. Paris files also

- 4 - Bureau (Encs. - 4)
 - (1 - Liaison Section)
 - (1 - Philadelphia, 100-34744, Info.)
- 3 - Bureau
 - (1 - PAR 100-2883, STOKELY CARMICHAEL)
 - (1 - PAR 100-New, [redacted])

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ICE Ltr to NY 4-7

ICE Ltr to [redacted] 6-7

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ICE Ltr to [redacted] 6-7

ICE Ltr to [redacted] 6-7

ICE Ltr to [redacted] 6-7

ICE Ltr to [redacted] 6-7

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reflect that she is undoubtedly identical with an individual of the same name, [redacted], subject of Washington Field letter dated 8/10/67, Bufile 100-358086 (Security Investigations of Individuals). [redacted] is also mentioned in Paris file 105-4162 pertaining to the Paris American Committee to Stopwar (PACS), IS - Vietnam, as a member of the Executive Committee of PACS (Bufile 105-162394). A separate case is being opened regarding [redacted] and inquiry is being conducted through our sources and a separate report will be submitted. ~~C~~

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For the information of the Bureau, a notice appeared in the "Herald Tribune," Paris, France, in the classified section, on 1/20/68, regarding a "Black Power Meeting" to be held on Saturday, 1/20/68, 7:30 - 11:00 PM, at 114 bis rue de Vaugirard, Paris. This is the "Quaker Center" where numerous anti-Vietnam conferences have been held and where a meeting was recently held by representatives of various peace organizations throughout Europe to form the "American Opposition Abroad," the head of which is [redacted], who is previously known to this office and the Bureau and who is President of the PACS. ~~C~~

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We will furnish pertinent information to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination as a result of our further inquiry. ~~(C)~~

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I solemnly swear that the statements made on pages 1 and 2 are true, and that the photograph attached is a likeness of me.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

William Gardner Smith
William Gardner Smith

Fee for passport, \$9.00. 3240 frs (SEAL)

Fee for administering oath

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to

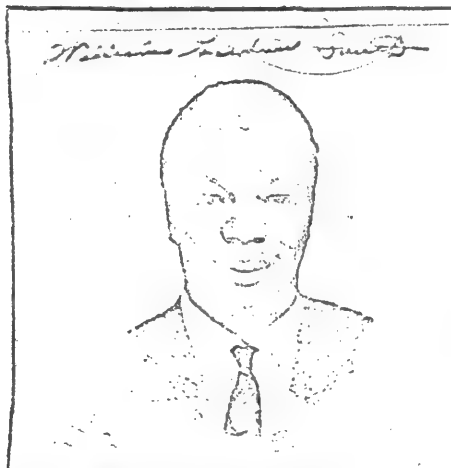
and preparing passport

application, \$1.00. 360 francs

Affix canceled
one dollar fee
stamp here.

No fee for registration.

Service No. 4653 - 10803



DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

Height: 5 feet 11 inches

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Distinguishing marks or features

None

Place of birth Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date of birth February 6, 1927

Occupation Writer

EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTS

Passport No. 511057 issued on Sep 27, 1951

by Department of State, Washington, D. C.

(to applicant,

to

SUBMITTED.

(State name and relationship)
State disposition of passport Modelled and returned to
Boarder.

Other evidence of citizenship and identifying documents submitted, as
specified below: (Indicate whether sent to the Department, retained

in files of office, or returned to applicant.)

The following should be filled in if this application is for a PASSPORT:

Countries to be visited: France and other countries

Purpose of visit: Residence & writing

Port of departure:

Date of departure:

Name of ship:

Is the ship of an American line?

(Yes or No)

REFERENCES

Edith Bertha Earl (mother)

1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

Mary Small (friend)

25 North 50th Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS

I, the undersigned, solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address written below my signature hereto affixed; that I know the applicant who executed the affidavit hereinbefore set forth to be the person he represents himself to be, and that he is a citizen of the United States; that the statements made in the applicant's affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; further, I solemnly swear that I have known the applicant personally for _____ years.

WITNESSED:

(Signature of witness)

(Residence address of witness)

(SEAL)

Above mentioned passport exhibited in lieu thereof.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 1951

If no American citizen is available, an alien known
to the consular may execute the affidavit.

Consul _____ of the United States of America at _____

The applicant requests that the following person be notified in the event of his death or disability:

Edith Bertha Earl (mother)

1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

Additional data: Location of real and personal property, nature and place of investments, location of will, et cetera.
(It is entirely optional with the applicant to give this information.)

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, CITY OF PARIS
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA } ss

Before me _____ Vice Consul
of the United States of America, duly commissioned and qualified,
personally comes William GARDNER SMITH

who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

Under protest, I today signed an affidavit at the
American Embassy at Paris, France to the effect that I am not
now or ever have been a member of the Communist Party.

I am a professional writer, journalist and was a member
of the Executive Committee of a negro organization, the National
Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In these
capacities I came into contact and knew Communists, Trotsky-ites,
Democrats, Republicans, etc. In my capacity as writer I was
associated with the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences
and Professions. In my capacity as a newspaper reporter and
a member of a negro organization I was frequently associated
with the Civil Rights Congress and I had contact with the
Socialist Workers Party and even once wrote an article published
in one of their newspapers.

I wish to state here that my _____
_____ and from whom I was divorced in January, 1957,
had no associations with any of the above-named organizations.

I am today applying for a new passport to enable me to
travel in connection with my writing. At the present time I
am planning to travel to Italy, Spain and Ghana.

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 _____
DATE OF REVIEW _____

* the Philadelphia Branch of

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 2nd day of May 1957

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REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, CITY OF PARIS)

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

ss.

Before me ~~Notary~~ Consul
of the United States of America, duly commissioned and
qualified, personally came

William Gardner SMITH

who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that my answers to
the following questions are true and I submit this information
as part of my application for a passport (~~executed on May 2, 1957~~)
executed on May 2, 1957 :

(Date)

1. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

(Answer "YES" or "NO") No

2. Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

(Answer "YES" or "NO") No

3. If ever a member, state period of membership.

From --- To ---

William G. Smith
William Gardner SMITH
(Signature of Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 2nd day of May 19 57

OF AMERICA at Paris, France.

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FORM DST-808
1-17-59

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PASSPORT AND NATIONALITY CARD - NATIVE CITIZEN

DATE CARD INITIALLY TYPED
Feb. 2, 1961

NAME (Surname) S. Smith, (First) William (Middle) Gardner	DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 9, 1907	PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State, Country) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
IF CITIZENSHIP DERIVED FROM PARENT, GIVE DETAILS 35 rue Geoffroy St Hilaire		EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE AND ADDRESS John Norton, Law (Mother) 130 S. 24th St., Phila., Pa.
LOCAL ADDRESS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, Paris 6	ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES ---	OCCUPATION Engineer
FULL NAME OF FATHER, DATE AND PLACE OF HIS BIRTH William Smith, about 1901, Philadelphia, Penn. (deceased 1930)		NATIONALITY OF FATHER American
FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER, DATE AND PLACE OF HER BIRTH Bertha Smith Smith, about 1900, Philadelphia, Penn.		NATIONALITY OF MOTHER American
FULL NAME (MAIDEN) OF SPOUSE, DATE AND PLACE OF HIS (HER) BIRTH [REDACTED]		NATIONALITY OF SPOUSE [REDACTED]
DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE June 21, 1947 at Philadelphia		DATE AND MANNER OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE Divorced Jan. 1957 at Philadelphia
IF PARENTS OR SPOUSE ARE OR WERE U. S. CITIZENS, SHOW DATE AND MANNER OF ACQUISITION AND LOSS, IF APPROPRIATE		
DATE OF LAST ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY October 9, 1951		DATE, TYPE AND PLACE OF ISSUANCE OF ARRIVAL DOCUMENT

ACTION TAKEN
1951 Feb. 2 - P.A. 10147 issued Aug. 7, 1957 at Paris renewed full validity. Did not
re-register--leaving France tomorrow.
1962 Jul 9 PPT Z-136168 issued valid for 3 yrs; remarried [REDACTED]
1967 July 25---PPT # Z 687069 issued for 3 year period, old ppt # Z 136168 cancelled due to [REDACTED]

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TO: Director, FBI ()
Attention:

DATE: 2/8/68

FROM: Legat, Paris (157-14) (P)

SUBJECT: RM

ReBuairtel to PH, 1/16/68, captioned "WILLIAM GARDNER
SMITH; SM-Miscellaneous (Racial Intelligence Section)"

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 - (1 - Atlanta)(Info)
 - (1 - New York)(Info)

1 - Paris
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DATED 07-09-2007

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

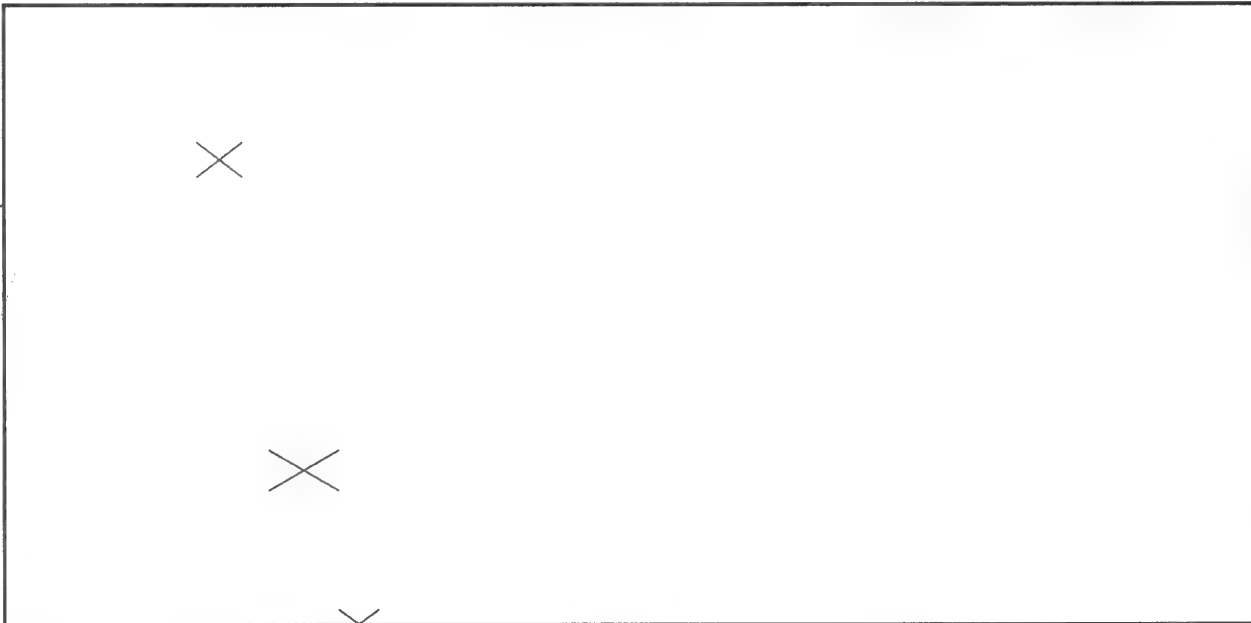
DATE: January 3, 1968

FROM : S. J. Papich

7/9/81

SUBJECT: STOKELY CARMICHAEL
RACIAL MATTER

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REASON FOR II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1-3-88



ACTION:

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The above information is being directed to the
attention of the Racial Intelligence Section.

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- Mr. G. C. Moore
- Liaison
- Mr. Papich

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CLASSIFICATION AND OGA LETTER
DATED 07-09-2006

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
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- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: January 26, 1968

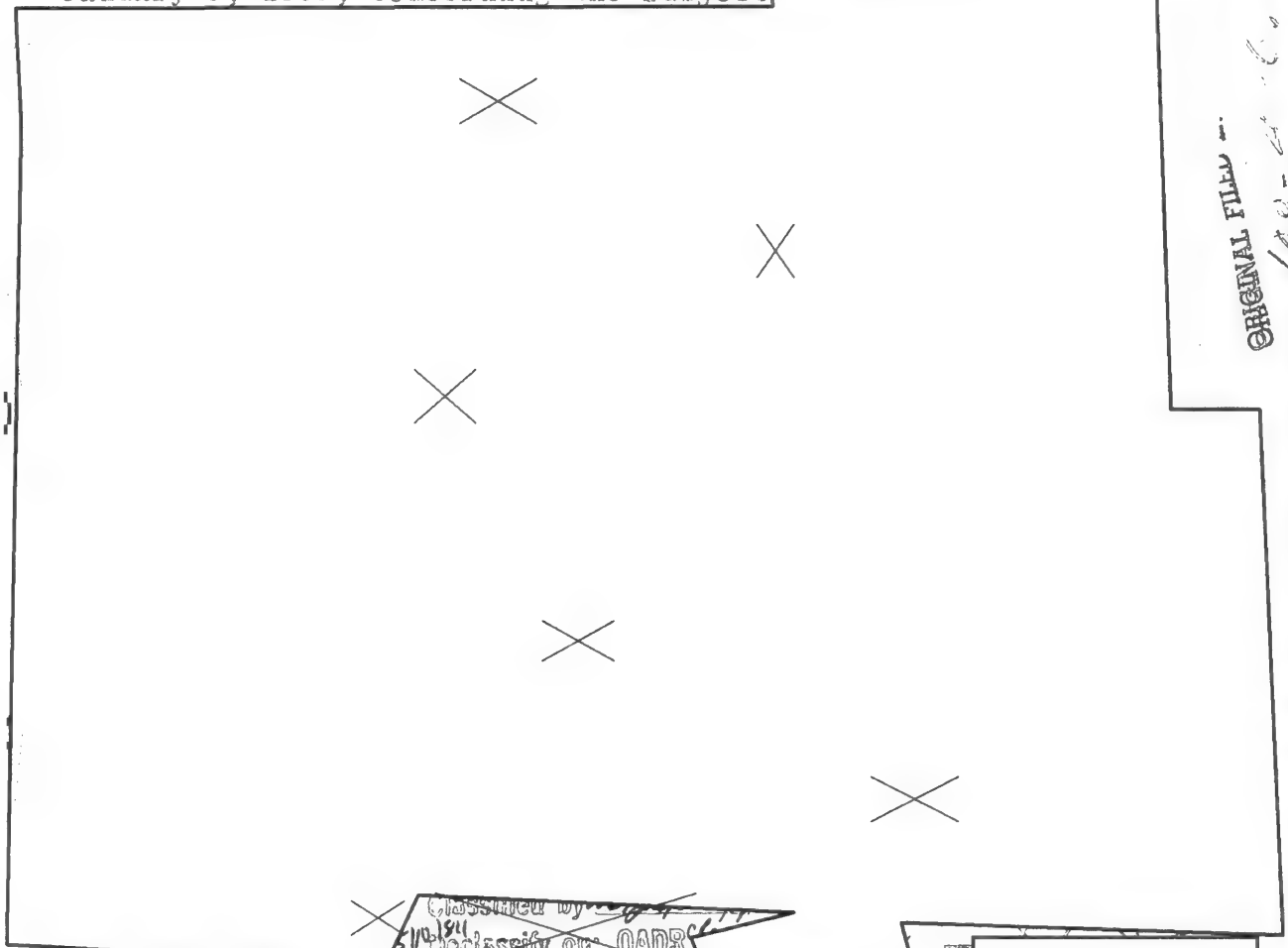
FROM : D. J. Papich

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- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore (Tulton)
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Pa

SUBJECT: STOKELY CARMICHAEL
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to my memorandum dated
January 3, 1968, concerning the subject



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100-448606 (Simone)

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Memorandum S. J. Papich to Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.
RE: STOKELY CARMICHAEL

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the
attention of the Racial Intelligence Section.

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Date: 2/19/68

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24914) (P)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(Racial Intelligence Section)
(OO:PH)

Re Bureau airtel, 1/16/68 requesting WFO review of passport and other appropriate State Department records for information available concerning SMITH; Philadelphia airtel, 2/5/68 requesting a review of visa records to determine if SMITH [redacted] entered the United States, also requesting WFO place stops with United States Customs on SMITH; Bulet to Philadelphia, 2/9/68.

Enclosed for the PH office per instructions in Buairtel, 1/16/68, is one xerox copy of WFO let dated 8/10/67 with enclosed LHM and WFO let dated 1/24/68 both captioned [redacted] aka; SM - C".

On 2/15/68 the subject's passport file which was reviewed by SA [redacted] at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), revealed the following information:

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-34744) (Encl.3) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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WFO 100-24914

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5/25/82*

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued passport Z 687009 on 7/25/67 at Paris, France. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on 2/16/67 this passport was valid for a period of 3 years for travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. *had already*

In his application for this passport dated 7/24/67 at Paris, France, SMITH indicated he was born 2/6/27 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and listed his permanent residence as 35 rue Geoffroy Street, Helaire, Paris 5, France. He stated in this application that his parents were WILLIAM SMITH, born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1900 "(?)", now deceased and BERTHA EDITH SMITH, nee SMITH born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1909 "(?)", now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He stated that both parents were United States citizens. SMITH indicated under his travel plans that he intended to remain abroad "indefinitely". He further indicated that he was last married to [redacted] on 10/31/61 at Paris, France and that she was not a United States citizen having been born 11/13/36 in Paris, France.

In the event of death or accident SMITH listed the person to be notified as [redacted]

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The following description appeared in Subject's file: [redacted]

Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Journalist

A photo of the subject is available and copies will be sent Philadelphia and the Bureau when processed.

SMITH's file revealed that a previous passport Z136168 which had been issued 7/9/62 in Paris, France had been cancelled. A review of the application for this passport which was dated 7/9/62 at Paris, France revealed the following information which did not appear on the subject's 7/24/67 application.

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He listed his permanent address at that time as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and his resident address as 1 rue de Tournon, Paris 6, France. SMITH gave

and listed his mother's birth date as 3/26/10 and her residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He indicated his mother, Mrs. EDITH EARLE, should be notified at the 20th Street address in the event of death or accident.

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Subject's passport file disclosed the following telegram stamped "Limited Official Use", dated 8/8/67 from the American Embassy, Niamey, Republic of Niger which was sent to 8 other American Embassies in that part of the world and to the USDS, Washington, D. C.

"For past ten days the local newspaper has been running daily installments of series of articles by AFP (Agence France Presse), Special Correspondent, WILLIAM GARDNER^{SMITH} on current riots, agitation and Negro problems in US. SMITH said to be American Negro journalist and novelist living for past 15 years in Paris. Local press picking up this series verbatim from AFP ticker service. These stories, coupled with dramatic photos of recent disturbances, are certain to be read by anyone picking up the daily newspaper. While last few day's installments plus those yet to come may moderate the exaggerations of the first several articles in series, overall result quite likely to be damaging to general image in Niger. Following impression will probably remain salient in most readers minds: Bulk of American Negroes share CARMICHAEL and BROWN thesis that Negroes no longer consider themselves Americans, reject Viet-Nam war effort, and enthusiastically embrace violence as only vague solution their economic and social problems.

"We are watching these articles carefully in effort determine how best counter the effect we fear. Meanwhile, would be helpful to us and doubtless of interest Department to know whether these articles being picked up by your local press. We have not noted any radio references as yet."

WFO 100-24914

Subject's passport file as reviewed above and the records of the office of Security, USDS, which were reviewed on 2/14/68 by SA [redacted] did not reflect any information pertaining to SMITH's contacts or activities other than the 8/8/67 telegram set forth above.

Regarding Philadelphia's request in referenced airtel for WFO to review visa records regarding SMITH and [redacted] it is pointed out that the USDS does not have visa records for native born United States citizens such as SMITH. WFO is presently awaiting the results of a visa record check on subject's [redacted] and will furnish this information to the Bureau and Philadelphia when obtained.

It is also noted that by Bureau routing slip dated 2/9/68 Philadelphia is being requested to place appropriate stops at the local United States Customs office therefore WFO will take no further action regarding this lead.

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Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

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TO : *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161952) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO:PHILADELPHIA)

DATE: 3/1/68

ReBuairtel to Philadelphia; Legat, Paris and WFO,
dated 1/16/68, captioned as above.

A review of New York indices on 2/21/68, reveals
numerous references under the name WILLIAM SMITH.

The following references to WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
are believed to be identical with the subject:

On 4/17/64, an anonymous source advised that the
name and address of WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was contained in
the records located on the 9th floor, 832 Broadway, New
York City, occupied by the New Century Publishers, Political
Affairs, and Masses and Mainstream.

New Century Publishers has been
identified by JOHN LAUTNER,
former CP functionary, as being
the pamphlet publishing house
of the CP, USA. He also advised
that "Political Affairs" is the
theoretical organ of the CP, USA,
while "Masses and Mainstream" is
the cultural organ.

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The above information was furnished to the
Philadelphia Office by New York ~~REC-18~~ dated 6/28/54,
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On 4/4/65, [redacted] advised that one WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was the author of an article concerning MALCOLM X furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] of "Freedomways" magazine. (U) ~~(S)~~

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Contacts with the following New York informants during January and February, 1968, failed to reveal any additional information regarding the subject: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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DATE: 2/23/68

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
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ReBuairtel, 1/16/68.

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Investigation in Paris is continuing and the Bureau
will be furnished with any additional information received.

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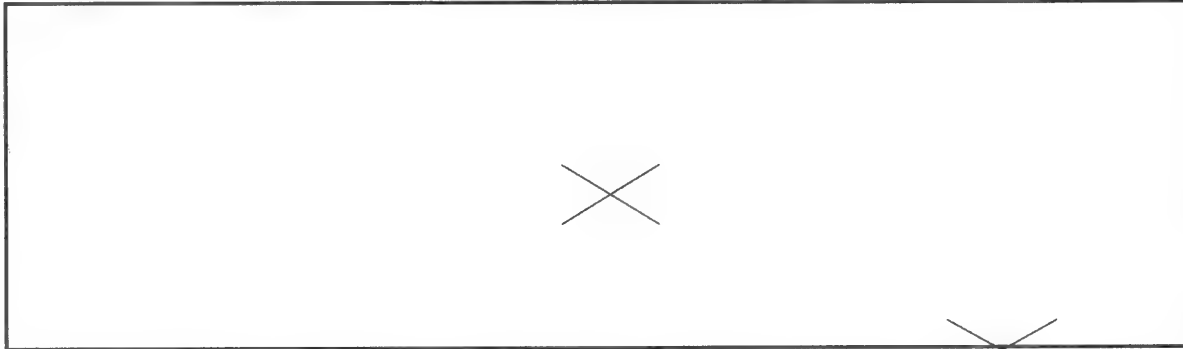
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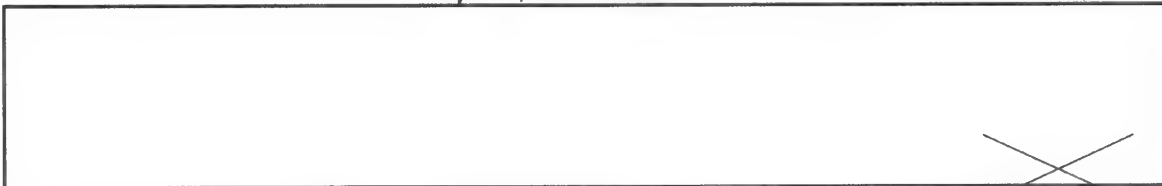
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State [redacted] American Embassy,
Paris, advised on 2/21/68 that inquiry disclosed that the
subject is employed as the news editor of the English language
section of the French Press Agency. This organization sent
him to the United States during the Summer of 1967 to report
on the racial riots. *U per State Dept LTR DTD 5-25-92 Imp/du my*

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According to [redacted] the subject is described
by people in the newspaper world as a "Black Revolutionary." *U*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 3/4/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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Portion of report classified on 5/25/82 by [redacted]
Enclosed are ten copies of an LHM containing information received from the Regional Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, on 2/28/68.

One copy of the enclosed LHM has been furnished for information purposes to [redacted]

We will continue to be alert for information of interest regarding the subject and advise the Bureau.

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11. My military or naval service has been

(COUNTRY)

(BRANCH OF SERVICE)

From

(DATE)

to

(DATE)

12. I have not applied for first citizenship papers in the United States. Date of application

(HAVE, HAVE NOT)

First citizenship papers received

(DATE)

(NUMBER)

(CITY)

(STATE)

Filed petition for naturalization

(DATE)

(CITY)

(STATE)

13. I have the following specified relatives living in the United States:

Mother accompanying

Parent(s)

me

Husband or wife

(YES OR NO)

Children

(NUMBER)

(NONE, OR ONE, OR BOTH)

14. I have been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense (or offenses). These offenses are:

(HAVE, HAVE NOT)

Nature of offense

Date of arrest

Place of arrest

Disposition of case

15. Within the past 5 years I have been affiliated with or active in (a member of, official of, a worker for) organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering in the United States, the political activities, public relations, or public policy of any other government.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

I have read or have had read to me the above statements, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that these statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 194____ at the place designated by the official seal below.

(SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT)

(REGISTERING OFFICIAL)

AFFIDAVIT FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN ONLY

I am the mother

(PARENT OF, OR GUARDIAN OF, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR)

the above-named alien, who is under 14 years of age and have made the above allegations for him (or her). I have read or have had the same read to me, and do hereby swear (or affirm) that they are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS OF PERSON SIGNING THIS AFFIDAVIT IN 9(c), ABOVE.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18th day of July, 1946, at the place designated by the official seal at the right.

Robert L. Snodgrass
Vice Consul of the United States of America

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I certify that the within named registrant arrived in the United States on the S. S.

on 10/30/1946 at the port of NEW YORK, N. Y. and was inspected by me and duly

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March 4, 1968

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

The following information was received on February 28, 1968, from the Regional Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, France, which was obtained by them from a check of French Police records:

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, born February 6, 1927, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of WILLIAM and BERTHE SMITH, entered France via Le Havre on October 19, 1951. He held United States Passport #511657, issued in Washington on September 27, 1951. On arrival in France, he stated he was about to be divorced from an American, [redacted] residing in the United States. He quickly cohabited with a Frenchwoman named [redacted]

[redacted] resided together successively at 18 rue de Tournon, Paris 6, from 1952 to 1954, and at 34 rue de Moscou, Paris 8, from 1954 to 1956.

SMITH has always abided by administrative regulations in France as applied to aliens. He was a journalist and held a French Foreign Journalist Permit. Speaking French and English fluently, he worked with the Agence France Presse during 1954 as a writer-translator. He also did translation work for various French magazines.

SMITH moved to 93 rue Belliard, Paris 18, on September 2, 1958, and on January 28, 1960, to 47 rue Mouffetard, Paris 5. On March 6, 1963, he was reported as residing at 12 rue du Cherche Midi, and finally on November 7, 1966, when issued his last French Resident Permit (Privileged Resident Permit #AA-42161, valid through July 9, 1976), he stated he was residing at 35 rue Geoffroy Saint Hilaire.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

SMITH, in the meanwhile, had obtained his divorce in the United States, although no date is mentioned in the records, and he was married on October 31, 1962, in Paris 6, to a

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As SMITH was a journalist continuously residing in France (and who is a Negro), various routine police checks have been made concerning him politically. According to a report of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (French domestic counterespionage service), Paris, he is said to have been known in the United States as a communist sympathizer during 1948.

The Paris American Committee to Stopwar, whose honorary [REDACTED] recently named SMITH as replacement of Vice President [REDACTED] who returned to the United States. It appears that he was chosen on account of his profession on the one hand, for his political opinions which he does not hide and which he expressed at a meeting held at the Quaker Organization premises, 113 rue de Vaugirard, Paris, and also because of his race and its problems in the United States at the present time.

The General Intelligence Section of the Paris Police suspects SMITH of having contacts with "Black Power."

Notices were posted in prominent places in American organizations in Paris advertising a round-table discussion to be held on February 29, 1968, at 9:00 PM, at the American Students and Artists Center, 261 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, regarding "Black Power" and "Black Revolution." It was indicated that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH would be the principal speaker.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24914) (RUC)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(Racial Intelligence Section)
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Re WFO airtel 2/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and the Philadelphia office is one zerox copy each of INS Alien Registration Foreign Service Form dated 11/30/46 pertaining to captioned subject's wife.

On 3/8/68 IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D. C. relative to any record of the subject's [redacted]. These files revealed the enclosed Alien Registration Foreign Service Form dated 11/30/46 which pertains to the subject's [redacted] however, there is no current information regarding any United States entries or departures on her part.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (RUC)

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May 6, 1968

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

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Reurairtel April 23, 1968.

Authority is granted to interview Mrs. Bertha Earle, subject's mother, Doctors Lemuel and Edward Sewell, the father

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and the latter, if available, for any information they may have concerning subject and his trip to the United States during 1967.

These interviews must be conducted in a discreet manner based on the premise outlined in referenced airtel. Under no circumstances should it be revealed to any of the above individuals that we had previously received information indicating that subject had returned to the United States in 1967.

Promptly advise the Bureau of the results of each and every interview.

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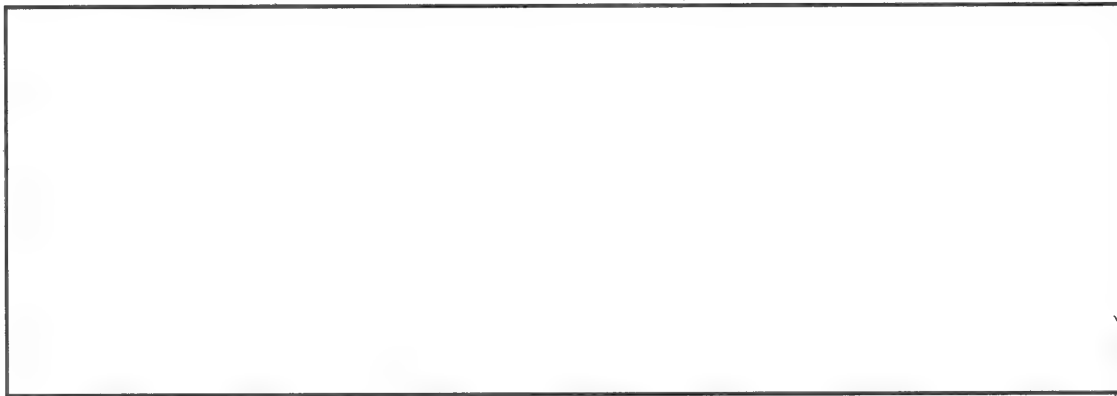
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FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744) (P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH;
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS)
OO: Philadelphia

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(S) Re Bureau airtel dated 1/16/68.

A review of Philadelphia files reflecting results of investigation of "Black Power" and militant groups fails to reflect any information indicating subject returned to the States or met with militant groups in Philadelphia. Racial sources were unable to furnish any information in this matter.

Lieutenant [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, and Captain [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised their records fail to reflect any indication subject was involved with any racial groups in Philadelphia.

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The above information also contained the request that the Bureau take no action on the basis of the above information without prior coordination with that agency.

A review of the files reflects subject's mother, Mrs. BERTHA EDITH SMITH, is residing at 1330 South 20th Street [redacted]

Philadelphia indices fail to reflect any information pertaining to [redacted]

In view of the above, it is felt this matter may best be resolved through interviews of subject's mother, [redacted] and possibly with [redacted]. The interviews could be conducted in connection with subject's anti-American writings. It is felt that due to the passage of time since this information was originally received, it is felt the above interviews could be conducted [redacted]

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Bureau authority is requested to interview the above individuals in an effort to resolve this matter.

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New York should paraphrase the information in the enclosed reports and promptly submit to the Bureau and New York offices in a form suitable for dissemination. A selective investigation of the International Department SNCC should be immediately instituted by New York to collect all information concerning the activities, program and policies of this Department. In particular, the local SNCC groups active outside the United States and (8)

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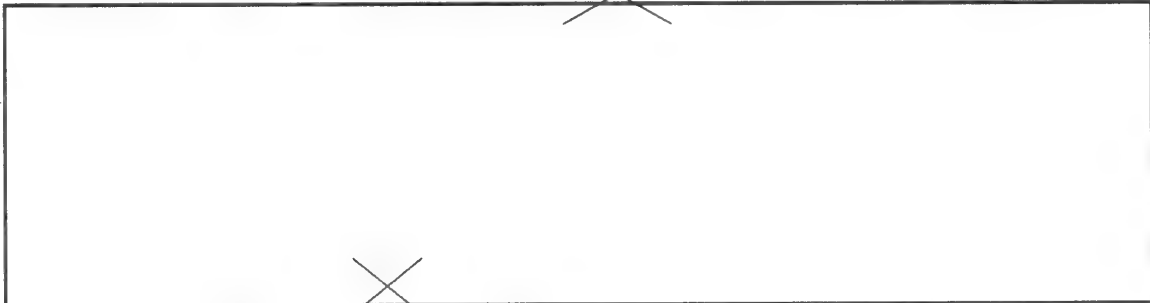
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RE: STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)

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the identities of the United States participants of these groups should be determined. ~~(a)~~

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William Gardner Smith is the subject of a current investigation by the Philadelphia Office and Cathleen Simms is the subject of a current investigation by WFO.

Based on identifiable information, Bureau files contain no information pertaining to the other above-listed individuals. Recipient offices should review indices, contact informants and establish sources in an effort to identify the other individuals. Upon identification an investigation should be conducted of these persons in accordance with existing instructions concerning the investigation of persons affiliated with SNCC.

For the information of New York and Atlanta a summary translation of the attachments to the enclosed reports will be furnished to you upon completion of transcription by the Laboratory.

Upon the identification of the above-listed individuals, pertinent offices should place appropriate stops in order that they are advised of return to the United States of any of these individuals.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

Rebulet dated 5/6/68 which authorized the
interview of [redacted] Mrs.
BERTHA EARLE, subject's mother, [redacted]
subject's [redacted]

On 5/10/68, [redacted]

[redacted] were interviewed. [redacted] advised he
had last seen subject prior to his departure to Europe
in 1951. [redacted] did not particularly care for the
subject as he was a "know it all." A few months after
subject [redacted] arrived in Paris in the latter part
of 1951, subject's [redacted] left Paris for London to seek
employment. Later, [redacted] sent her money to return
to the states. He believed subject has returned to the
states on one occasion but could not elaborate.

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[redacted] further advised subject had visited the States in August of 1967 to see his family and he returned to Paris just before Labor Day. During his visit, she had seen him on about four different occasions but could furnish no information concerning his activities while in the States. She did state, however, he departed the country from New York City and believed he may have entered at the same place. Subject did not reveal his plans and she is of firm opinion subject has not accumulated any wealth nor did he indicate he had access to any substantial amount of funds.

[redacted] stated she did not agree with some of his ideas but she did feel he had a legitimate interest in civil rights matters in this country. She had no knowledge of his association with any black militant groups or leaders.

Efforts to interview Mrs. EARLE, subject's mother, were negative.

For the information of Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis,

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Philadelphia will endeavor to interview subject's mother in an effort to obtain subject's itinerary during the summer of 1967.

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Enclosed herewith for Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis are photographs of subject. These offices are requested to review indices and exhibit photographs to logical sources to determine any information concerning his travels. New York is also requested to exhibit subject's photo to sources active in black militant groups, especially those close to CARMICHAEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-34744)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(OO: Philadelphia)

Remyairtel dated 5/13/68.

On 5/13/68 Mrs. BERTHA EDITH EARLE, mother of subject, was interviewed at her residence, 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. EARLE advised her son originally departed the States during the latter part of 1951 because he felt that because he was a Negro he had not been given equal opportunity. When subject originally left the States he was accompanied by [redacted] who later returned to the States and obtained a divorce. Subject married a [redacted]

[redacted] He is currently residing in Paris and employed by Agence France-Presse (French Press Agency). In 8/67 he returned to Paris [redacted] shortly before Labor Day.

Mrs. EARLE further stated subject's trip to the States was actually an assignment by the Agence France-Presse and he worked out of that office in New York City. According to subject, the racial situation in the States was depicted in the French press as a Negro uprising and he was sent to cover and report on these incidents. According to Mrs. EARLE, subject [redacted] stated the situation in the States is not nearly as bad as [redacted] that depicted in the French press and he

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felt much progress had been made by the Negro. While in the States subject would spend several days at home and then travel to some other city. She could not recall the cities he visited but did state he had indicated he was in Detroit and Chicago. He would return to the office in New York to submit his activities.

Mrs. EARLE stated an article concerning French writers had appeared in the New York Times. This article believed to have been published in mid-April 1968 included a write-up and photograph of SMITH.

Mrs. EARLE said that although subject appears to be doing well in Paris, he did not possess any wealth and did not indicate he had access to any great amount of funds. Also, she had no knowledge subject associated with any groups.

Since concrete information concerning SMITH's visit to the States has been obtained from his mother [redacted] the interview of [redacted] will not be conducted.

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New York is requested to review the New York Times for the month of April 1968 and submit the above-described article to Philadelphia.

New York is also requested to attempt to verify subject's assignment with Agence France-Presse (French Press Agency.)

Offices receiving copies of this airtel should expedite coverage of leads in their territories and submit LHM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-35072) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/13/68.

Detroit indices contain no information
identifiable with captioned subject.

Photograph of subject was exhibited to
the following Detroit informants, familiar with
racial matters, and all advised that the subject
is unknown to them, and that they possess no
information concerning his alleged travel to Detroit:

[redacted] contacted 6/10/68, by
SA [redacted]

(C) [redacted] contacted 6/7/68, by
SA [redacted]

[redacted] (Prob), contacted 6/11/68,
by SA [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE:

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-34744) (P)

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TO: SBA
REQ. REC'D 8-13-73
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SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO:PHILADELPHIA)

RE: [REDACTED]

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia dated 1/16/68; and
Philadelphia airtels dated 5/13 and 15/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten (10) copies
of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual.
Copies are being sent to Chicago, Detroit, New York, St. Louis,
and WFO for information since they have leads outstanding in
this case.

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Subject's passport was reviewed by SA [REDACTED]

Form FD-315 (Stop Notice) has been placed with INS.

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For the information of the Bureau and interested
offices, the LHM of Legat Paris, dated 3/4/68, reflects WILLIAM
GARDNER SMITH was last issued a French Resident Permit (Privileged
Resident Permit #AA-42161, Valid through July 9, 1976.) U. per Stat's

Also, the LHM of Legat Paris, dated 2/23/68, reflects
information obtained from [REDACTED] Press Attache,
American Embassy, Paris, that subject employed as a News Editor
of the French Press Agency was sent by this firm to the United
States during the summer of 1967, to report on the racial riots. LTR
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 - 2-WFO (100-24914) (Enc.-2) (RM)
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It is to be noted this information was corroborated during the interview of subject's mother.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

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On February 15, 1968, a review of the records of the
Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, reflects the
following: (U)

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was issued passport Z 687009
on July 25, 1967, at Paris France. According to a notice
published in the Federal Register on February 16, 1967, this
passport was valid for a period of three years for travel to
all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and
North Vietnam. (U)

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In his application for this passport dated July 24, 1967,
at Paris, France, SMITH indicated he was born February 6, 1927,
at Philadelphia, Pa., and listed his permanent residence as
35 rue Geoffroy St., Helaire, Paris 5, France. He stated in
this application that his parents were WILLIAM SMITH (deceased)
and BERTHA SMITH residing in Philadelphia. The subject
indicated he planned to remain abroad "indefinitely." He further
indicated he was last married to [redacted] on
October 31, 1961, at Paris, France, and that she was not a 1-268,

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

United States citizen having been born November 13, 1936, in Paris (U)

SMITH's file revealed that a previous passport Z 136168 issued on July 9, 1962, in Paris, France, had been cancelled. A review of the application for this passport revealed additional information. He listed his permanent residence as 1330 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He indicated his mother, Mrs. EDITH EARLE was born on March 26, 1910, and she should be notified at the 20th Street address in the event of death or accident. U

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C., reflect an Alien Registration for [redacted] submitted July 18, 1946, which reflects [redacted]

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Records of the Identification Division reflect WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was fingerprinted on January 8, 1946, by the United States Army in Philadelphia and had been assigned Army Serial Number 43013962.

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A Characterization of SNCC is attached herewith.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

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On February 15, 1968, [] a confidential source abroad, advised [] reportedly left Paris, France, for the United States on January 19, 1968. While in Paris she was in contact with the Cuban diplomatic establishment which lent her some films to show friends. She was not able to show them before her departure, but requested one of her friends to take charge of this. (U) (S)

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On March 14, 1968, []

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On April 4, 1968, [] advised that one WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was the author of an article concerning MALCOLM X furnished by []

[] of "Freedomways" Magazine. (U) (S)

A characterization of "Freedomways" is attached herewith. (U)

On January 22, 1965, [] made available stationery of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which lists [] W.E.B. DU BOIS, as one of the "Founding sponsors."

A characterization of AIMS is attached herewith.

The "New York Times" on August 28, 1963, page 3, contained an article indicating W.E.B. DU BOIS, during his later years, was active in many left-wing and Communist activities. In the fall of 1961, at the age of 93, he joined the Communist Party.

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A review of the records at City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., reflects [] WILLIAM G. SMITH were married on July 23, 1949, in Philadelphia, Pa. [] was granted a divorce on January 11, 1957, on causes of desertion on or about March 6, 1952. The defendant, WILLIAM G. SMITH, was not present nor was he represented by counsel.

On May 10, 1968, [] [] advised subject was married [] but several years ago she obtained a divorce. He had last seen the subject just a few days prior to his departure for Europe in October, 1951. [] did not particularly care for the subject as he was a "know-it-all." A few months after subject [] arrived in Paris, [] left the subject and traveled to London to seek employment. Later, [] in London so she could return home.

[] believed subject has returned to the States on one occasion, but he was unable to furnish any additional information. []

On May 10, 1968, [] [] advised she and the subject were [] In October, 1951, they traveled to Paris, France, where their domestic difficulties continued, and in March, 1952, she left him in Paris and traveled to London. She returned to the States a few months later. Her divorce granted in 1957, was uncontested. Although divorced, she occasionally corresponds with him. The most recent contact was approximately one month before when he wrote to her requesting she contact his mother. Subject's stepfather had passed away in March of 1968, and the subject expressed concern over his mother's welfare.

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[] further advised the subject had returned to the States in August, 1967, to visit his family. He remained in the States about one month and he returned to Paris just a few days prior to Labor Day. During his visit, she had seen him on about four different occasions, but could furnish no information concerning his activities while in the States. Subject did not reveal his plans or itinerary, but she believed he arrived and departed from New York. She stated the subject has had several of his books published, but he has not accumulated any wealth, nor did he indicate he had access to any substantial amounts of funds.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

[] stated she did not agree with some of his ideas, but she felt he possessed a legitimate interest in civil rights matters in this country. She had no knowledge of his association with any Black Militant Groups or leaders.

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. BERTHA EDITH EARLE, mother of subject, was interviewed at her residence, 1330 South 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa., at which time she stated her son originally departed the States during the latter part of 1951, because he felt that as a Negro he had not been given equal opportunity. When subject left the States he was accompanied by [] who later returned to the States and obtained a divorce. Her son later married [] He is currently residing in Paris and employed by Agence France - Presse (French Press Agency). In August, 1967, he visited the States, but returned to Paris a few days prior to Labor Day.

Mrs. EARLE further stated subject's trip to the States was actually an assignment by the Agence France - Presse and he worked out of that office in New York City. The subject had told the mother that the French press had depicted the racial situation in the States as a Negro uprising and he was assigned to cover and report on these incidents.

Subject stated the situation in the States is not nearly as serious as that reported in the French press and he felt much progress had been made by the Negro. While in the states, subject would report to the office in New York City and he would then travel to the various cities to cover the racial situations. He spent several days in Philadelphia visiting his family. Subject never discussed his complete itinerary, but he did indicate he was in Detroit and Chicago. Also, he would always report to the New York Office to submit his articles.

Mrs. EARLE stated that although subject appeared to be doing well in Paris, he did not possess any wealth and he did not indicate he had access to any great amount of funds. Mrs. EARLE had no knowledge that subject associated with any groups.

Lieutenant [] Civil Disobedience Unit; and
Captain [] Intelligence Unit, Philadelphia Police

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

Department, advised WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH has not come to their attention during their investigations of racial groups in the Philadelphia area.

Confidential sources who are familiar with some of the activity of racial groups in New York and Philadelphia advised they had no knowledge concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES (AIMS)

A source advised on April 9, 1963, that on April 7, 1963, at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of New England, held in Boston, Massachusetts, HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology, and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements. U

A second source advised on June 30, 1966, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, at the 18th National Convention of the CPUSA held June 22 - 26, 1966, in New York City.

A third source advised on June 7, 1963, that on June 3, 1963, HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CP of New York District Board meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed within the scope of the Mc Carran and Smith Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public. (U)

A fourth source reported on August 29, 1966, that AIMS issues a "Newsletter" every other month. This source also made available the information that AIMS issues publications and holds symposiums concerning Marxism.

A fifth source advised on May 9, 1967, that as of that date, AIMS was located at 20 East 30th Street, New York City.

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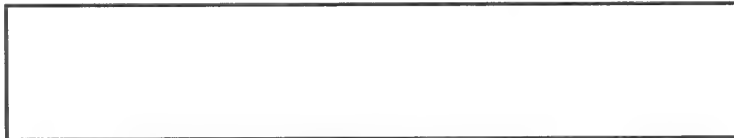
FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, a second source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON.

The First Quarter, 1967, issue of "Freedomways," self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:



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A third source made available information on July 1, 1964, indicating that [redacted] attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964. This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, indicating that [redacted] is an "Associate" of AIMS.

On March 16, 1966, the second source advised that JAMES JACKSON, accompanied by [redacted] was scheduled to depart on March 25, 1966, from the United States en route to Moscow to attend the 23rd Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. This source described JAMES JACKSON as a member of the National Committee, CPUSA.

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On July 26, 1966, a fourth source identified J. H. O'DELL as a member of the CP.

On January 30, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

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On July 24, 1963, a fifth source described [REDACTED] as a CP member.

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that Spring, brought together many of the demonstrating Southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October, 1960.

A source has advised that in May, 1966, Stokely Carmichael was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May, 1967 Carmichael was replaced as Chairman by H. Rap Brown, with Carmichael assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August, 1967, at the invitation of Fidel Castro, Carmichael participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, Carmichael traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December, 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when Carmichael was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. Rap Brown as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. Rap Brown said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note Brown wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE:

7/30/68

FROM :

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2828)(P)

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

Remyairtels dated 5/13/68 and 5/15/68, entitled
as above.

Referenced airtels set forth leads for Chicago,
St. Louis, and New York. These offices are requested to
expedite coverage of these leads.

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- 1 - St. Louis (Info)(RM)
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**Director
Central Intelligence Agency**

We have been attempting to determine the extent of foreign influences and/or involvement in the black nationalist movement in the United States. In this regard, the individuals mentioned above, including the woman involved in SNCC activities in Paris, are of particular importance. ~~(S)~~

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There probably are contacts between these individuals and black militants in this country such as [redacted] the International Affairs Commission of [redacted] in New York City. Any data you could develop in this regard would be appreciated. We would also like to receive any available information regarding the activities of the individuals mentioned above while they are residing or traveling abroad. ~~(S)~~

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If you receive any information regarding other United States citizens who, while abroad, may be engaged in activities in behalf of militant black nationalist groups in this country, we would appreciate the receipt of such data. ~~(S)~~

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ATTENTION: SACs, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW HAVEN, PHILADELPHIA, AND PITTSBURGH:

For your information [redacted] is the subject of Chicago file [redacted] William Gardner Smith is the subject of Philadelphia file 100-34744; [redacted] is the subject of Chicago file [redacted] is the subject of Pittsburgh file [redacted] is the subject of New Haven file [redacted] ~~(S)~~

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NOTE: Classified "~~Secret~~" as it contains information received from Bureau sources. Unauthorized disclosure of this information might jeopardize these sources and be prejudicial to national defense interests. Though we have previously advised the [redacted] of information developed regarding presence of black nationalists abroad, it is believed that we should include this data in one overall letter and [redacted]

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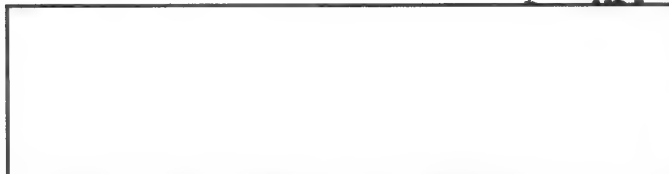
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BY LIAISON

- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Dunn

Date: July 25, 1968

To:



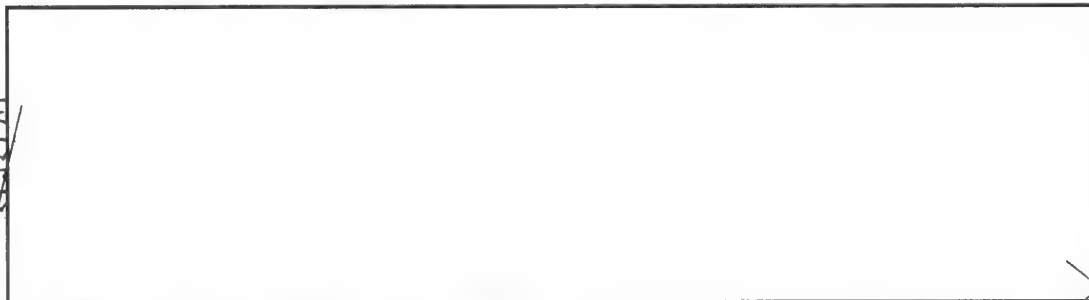
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN THE BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT
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We have been furnishing your Agency data regarding
black nationalists who are residing or traveling abroad.
[redacted] is residing in Tanzania. William Gardner
Smith is residing in France. [redacted] has been
residing in Communist China although he has recently been
visiting Tanzania. [redacted] is residing in Denmark.
[redacted], is residing in Sweden. S

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- 1 - Pittsburgh (See note page 2)
- 1 - London
- 1 - Paris
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-379969 (Smith)
- 1 - [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2877) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUSRe Philadelphia airtels to Bureau dated 5/13/68
and 5/15/68, captioned as above.Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM
captioned as above.Chicago indices reflect no information identifiable
with SMITH.First source utilized in attached LHM is [redacted]
a CS-R in the Chicago Office who works with major Negro youth
gangs in the Chicago area and who is aware of other civil
rights functions going on in the Chicago area.The following informants and sources, all who have
furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted
in an effort to establish SMITH's present in Chicago in the
summer of 1967:

Source	Date Contacted	Contacting Agent
[redacted] (PROB)	7/12/68	SA [redacted]
[redacted] (PROB)	7/1/68	SA [redacted]
	7/1/68	SA [redacted]
	7/18/68	SA [redacted]
	7/10/68	SA [redacted]

ECS-R [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Unless advised to the contrary, no further investigation will be conducted by the Chicago Office.



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Chicago, Illinois
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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

Reference is made to Philadelphia memorandum dated June 14, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1968, after viewing a photograph of Smith, that William Gardner Smith was in Chicago in the summer of 1967 and believes he attended a meeting of the East Garfield Community Organization or a meeting held by this organization at the Warren Avenue Congregational Church located on West Madison in Chicago, Illinois. Source stated he has no other information regarding this individual and only remembers him after viewing his photograph because of his smile.

The East Garfield Community Organization was a community organization located at 3037 West Warren Avenue organized to improve community conditions in the neighborhood.

Sources, all who have furnished reliable information in the past, contacted during July, 1968, advised that they are not acquainted with and have no information regarding any activities on the part of William Gardner Smith in Chicago, Illinois, during the summer of 1967.

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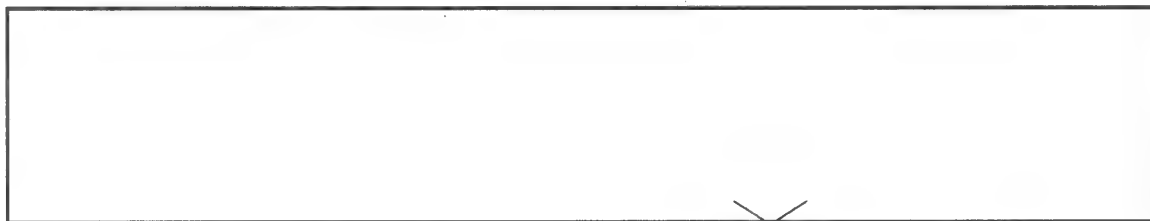
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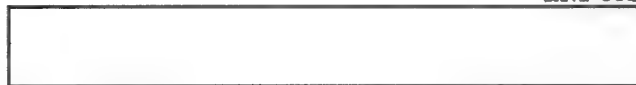
Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual. One information copy is designated for Chicago in view of the statement in LHM re ELIJAH MOHAMMAD. (X) u



Since the subject is in France, this matters is being placed in a P* status by the Philadelphia Office.

By RUC airtel dated 7/30/68 (IO), the New York Office advised that with the exception of [redacted] of the enclosed LHM, their sources in the RM field were negative concerning this subject.

INFORMANTS



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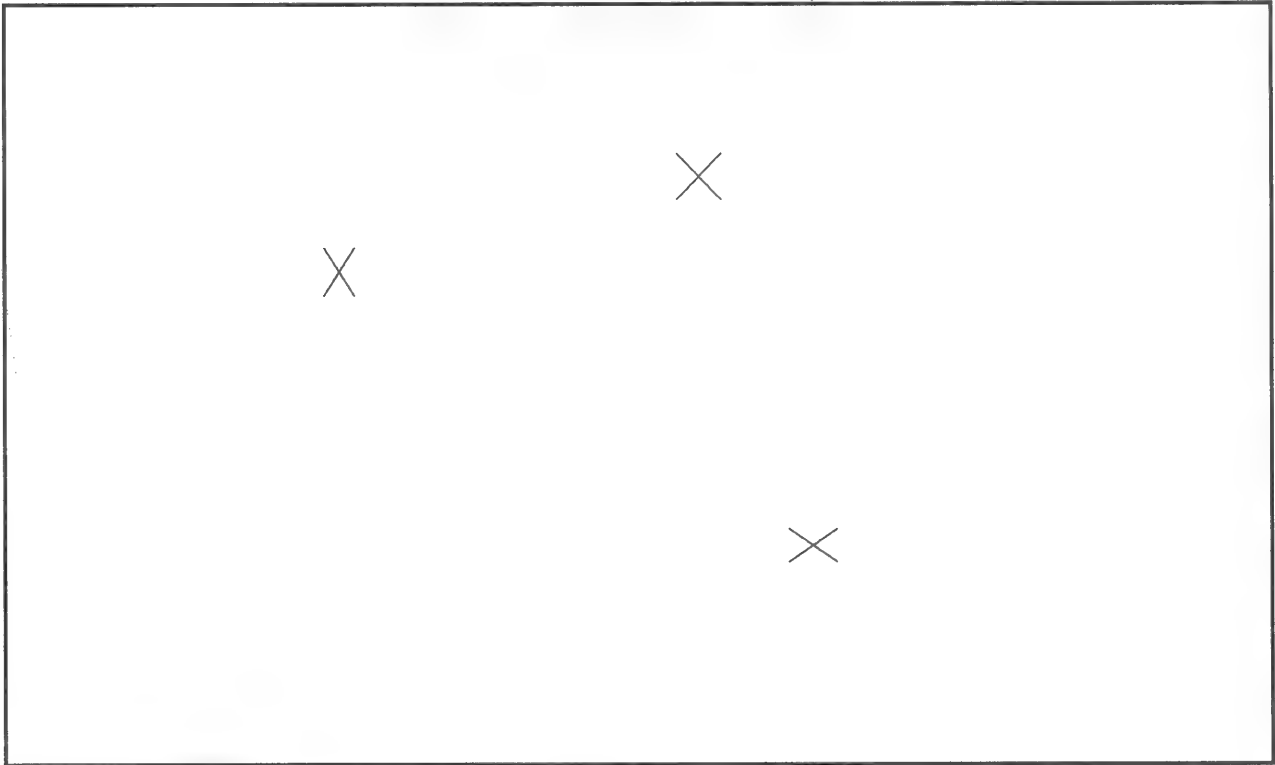
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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

Reference my communication dated June 14, 1968.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH

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[On June 6, 1968, [] with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, advised] that WILLIAM SMITH is a Negro male with relatives living in Philadelphia, Pa. He, SMITH, currently resides in Paris, France, and is employed by the French equivalent to the Associated Press in the United States as a writer. SMITH reportedly is married [] supposedly from France.

(U) SMITH reportedly was in the United States during the summer of 1967 for the purpose of getting in touch with various Black Militant groups in order to do stories on their activities. [] advised [] that SMITH did not state what groups he contacted but he did say he tried to contact the people at the New York, N.Y., Office of SNCC, but was given a hard time because they thought he was a local reporter. ~~(C)~~

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[] advised [] that SMITH does not appear to be financially well off, and reportedly did not have enough money to loan to a social contact, one [] when [] contacted SMITH in Paris, France. ~~(C)~~

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[] further advised [] that SMITH does not appear to have a working knowledge of the Black Nationalist movement in the United States. SMITH gives the impression of being harmless. He also projects an impression of being on the feminine side.

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~~SECRET~~STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that Spring, brought together many of the demonstrating Southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October, 1960.

A source has advised that in May, 1966, Stokely Carmichael was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May, 1967 Carmichael was replaced as Chairman by H. Rap Brown, with Carmichael assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August, 1967, at the invitation of Fidel Castro, Carmichael participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, Carmichael traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December, 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when Carmichael was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. Rap Brown as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. Rap Brown said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note Brown wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred
to as THE MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, aka
MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLES OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a second source advised Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as 'white devils', in the United States; and the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised Muhammad had, in early July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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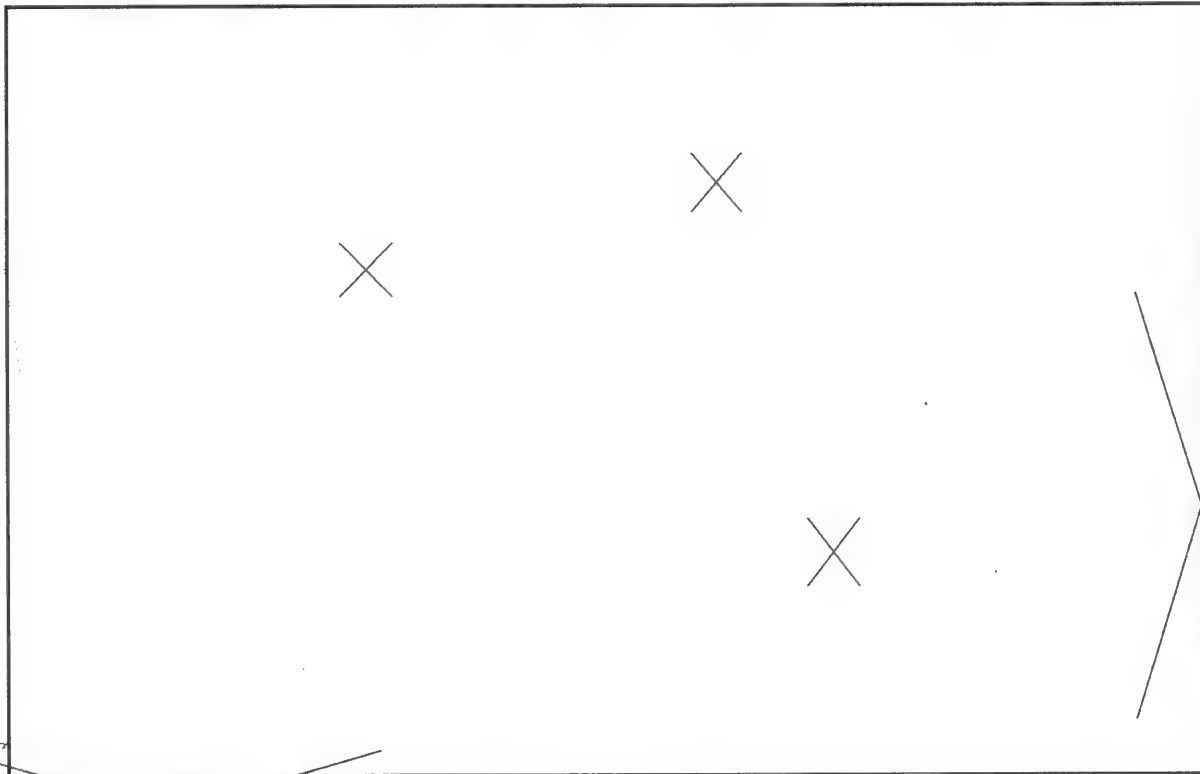
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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2828)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21208) RUC

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
(RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION)

OO: PHILADELPHIA

Re PH letter to Bureau 7/30/68.

Below confidential sources, who are familiar with certain phases of racial activity in St. Louis, Missouri, advised on respective dates that subject was unknown to them and they had no knowledge of his activities.

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Intelligence Unit,
SLPD
Former [redacted]

on 8/2/68
on 8/1/68
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM : *js* SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2828)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
SM - MISCELLANEOUS
OO: PHILADELPHIA

DATE: 9/20/68

Re Philadelphia airtel 8/19/68.

For the information of the Bureau, the Philadelphia Office has converted the instant case from the 100 classification to the 157 classification, the new Philadelphia file number being 157-2828.

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WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
RM - BN

Reference is made to letter and LHM from Legat, Paris,
3/4/68 and letter from Legat, Paris, 4/23/68 (no copy to
Philadelphia).

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1 - Philadelphia (100-34744)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 12/2/69

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (RUC) TO: SBA

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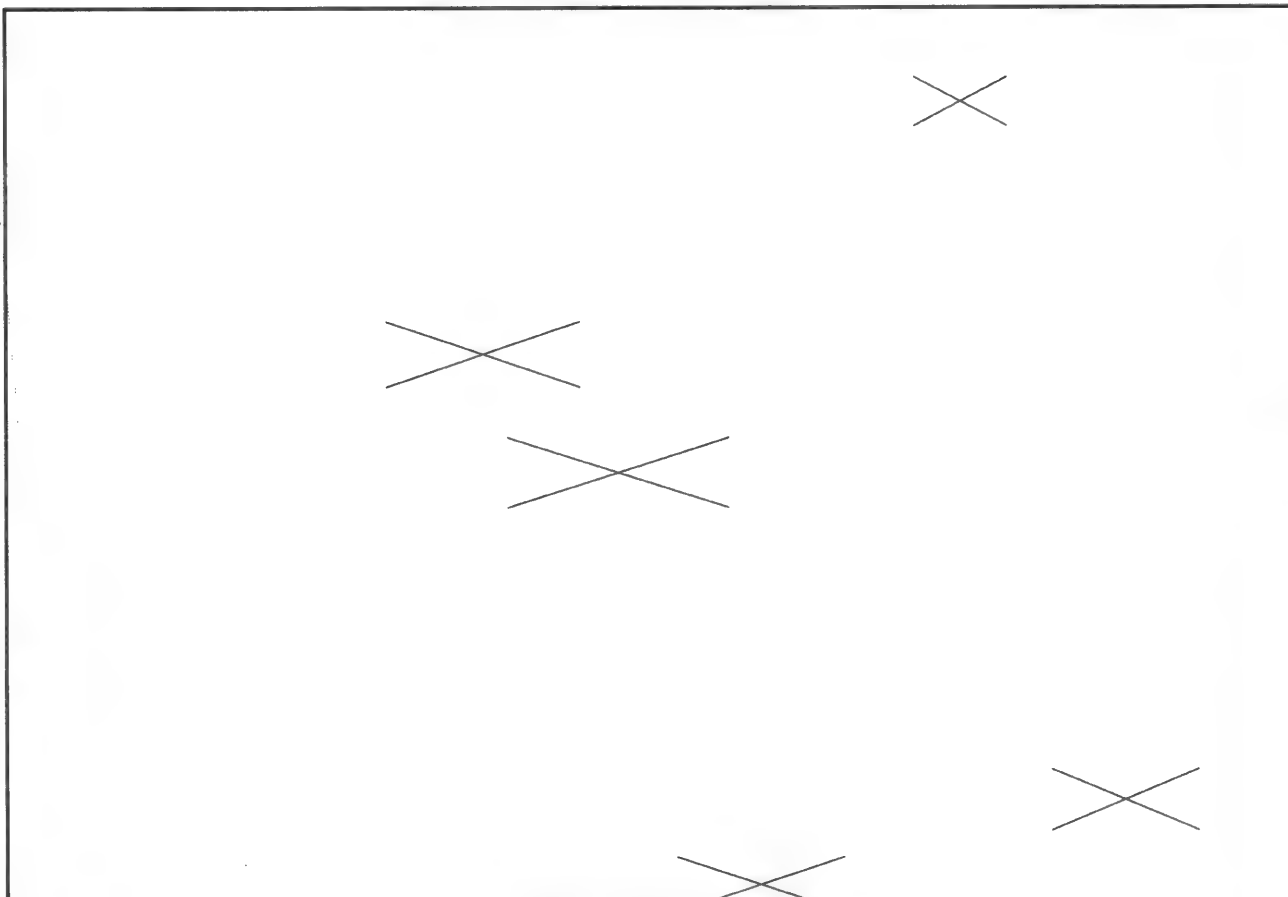
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-10727)

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (105-4464)(P)

SUBJECT:
RACIAL MATTERS - STUDENT NATIONAL
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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

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information received from the

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is unknown to this office and
the was advised that this individual could be identical
with WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, subject of Bufile 100-379969 ~~(S)~~

We will continue to be alert for information of
interest and keep the Bureau advised

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(P)

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We will be alert for any additional information
 concerning subject and promptly furnish it to the Bureau (C)

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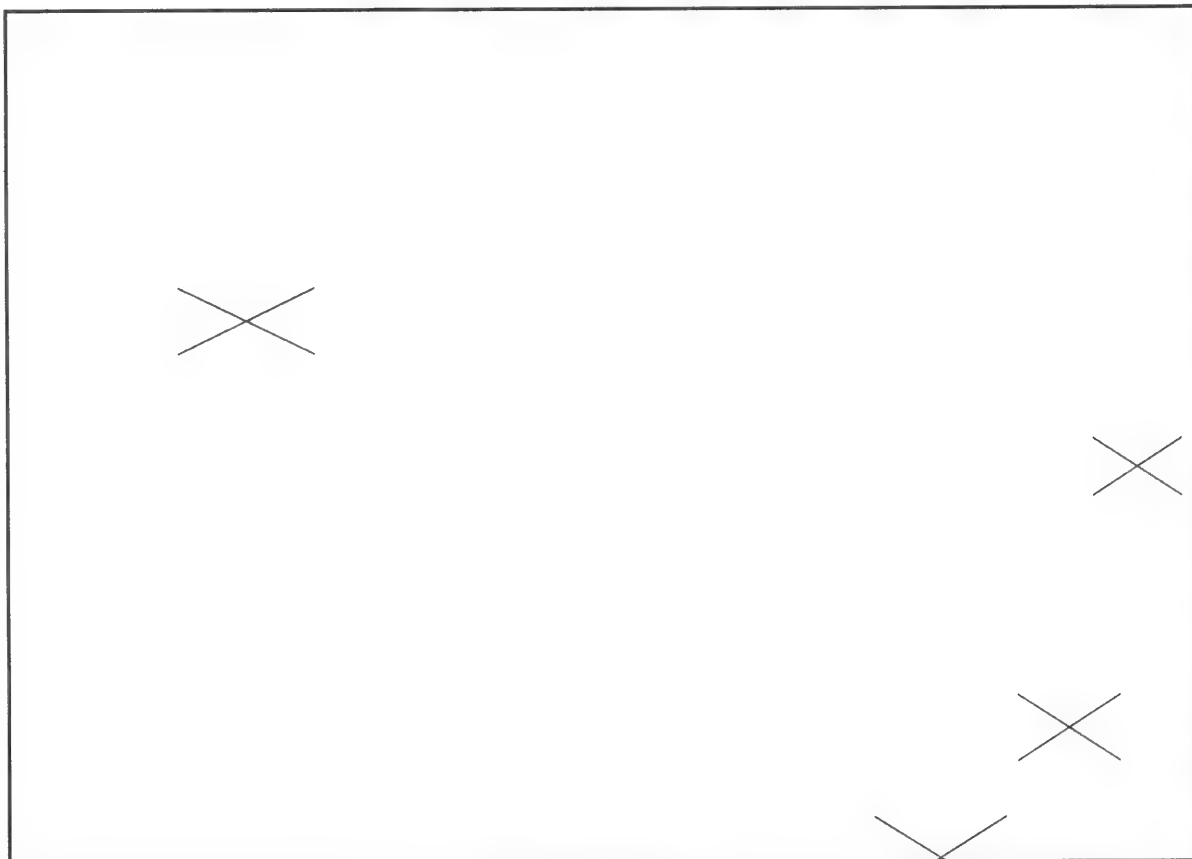
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

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DATE: 4-23-70

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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We have not received any information regarding
subject and this case is being placed in an RUC status ~~(U)~~

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 6/3/70

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FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
RM - BN

Re Paris let 4/23/70.

Enclosed is a copy of a clipping from the 5/19/70 edition of the International Herald Tribune.

By WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
We have been attempting to obtain a copy of subject's book with the thought that it might be of interest to the Bureau. We have now learned that "Return to Black America" was published in February, 1970, by Prentice-Hall and is selling at \$6.95 per copy. It is not yet available in France and booksellers who were contacted expressed some doubt that they would handle it except on special order. We do not plan any further action, ~~ACC(C)~~

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Write: BOX 7101, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10101
 "RETURN TO BLACK AMERICA." A
 NEGRO REPORTER'S IMPRESSION
 AFTER 16 YEARS OF SELF-EXILE
 William Gardner Smith discusses his
 book with journalists, C. Bourdet, J.
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 ican Center, "MEET THE PRESS,"
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 Paris, France
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 3-24-71

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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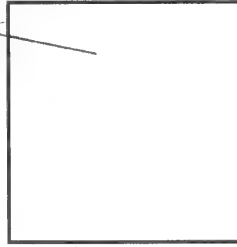
Enclosed to the Bureau are copies of an LHM captioned as above containing information furnished by the Paris Prefecture of Police. LHM is not classified inasmuch as information from the Prefecture of Police is unclassified.

Paris sources are aware of our continuing interest in activities of captioned subject and pertinent information furnished will be reported upon receipt.

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 - (1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)
 - (1 - Philadelphia, 100-34744)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 1/7/74

FROM : *2* LEGAT, PARIS (157-12)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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Re Paris letter 3/24/71.

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RE:

Date 1/21/74

WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
EM-BN

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January 7, 1974

Re: William Gardner Smith

(U) On January 4, 1974, a confidential source abroad advised that SMITH, described as a Black citizen of the United States born on February 6, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, visited Algeria in November, 1973. The source further described SMITH as a journalist and known advocate of Black Power and African nationalism who has been in contact with the Black Panther Party (BPP) in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

DATE: 2/7/74

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-379969)

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DATE: 4/4/74

FROM : *WHR* LEGAT, PARIS (157-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *D* WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
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ReParlets 2/7/74 and 1/7/74.

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November 7, 1974

TO : Director, FBI (100-379969)

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FROM : Legat, Paris (157-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH
EM - BN

Re: Paris letters, February 7, 1974 and April 4, 1974.

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Above is being furnished to Bureau and Philadelphia for information and completion of files. (C)

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No.: 200801246


William J. Maxwell
Department of English
University of Illinois
608 South Wright Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

This is in response to your September 11, 2006 request for information relating to William Gardner Smith from the FBI. The FBI has referred one telegram to us for review and release under their case FBI FOI/PA # 1060225-000.

We have determined that this telegram can be released in full and a copy is attached.

Sincerely,


Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

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WE ARE WATCHING THESE ARTICLES CAREFULLY IN EFFORT DETERMINE HOW BEST COUNTER THE EFFECT WE FEAR. MEANWHILE, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US AND DOUBTLESS OF INTEREST DEPT TO KNOW WHETHER THESE ARTICLES BEING PICKED UP YOUR LOCAL PRESS. WE HAVE NOT NOTED ANY RADIO REFERENCES AS YET.
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October 29, 2009

MR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET
URBANA, IL 61801

FOIPA Request No.: 1060225- 000
Subject: SMITH, WILLIAM GARDNER

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for documents pertaining to William Gardner Smith.

Enclosed is a document which was released to you by letter dated February 21, 2008. You will note that information contained therein has been declassified. Portions of the information remain withheld and are exempt from disclosure pursuant to subsections (b) (1), (b) (6) and (b) (7) (C) of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. For an explanation of these exemptions refer to the enclosed form.

You may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is written above the typed name.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
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- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
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- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
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On 4/4/65, [] advised that one WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was the author of an article concerning MALCOLM X furnished by []

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[] of "Freedomways" magazine. (U) ~~(C)~~

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(C) On 6/9/65, [] advised that WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH, an American Negro writer, works for Ghana Radio and is or was close to [] ~~(S)~~

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This same source further advised on 6/28/67, that as of July, 1965, WILLIAM GARDNER SMITH was a United States Negro who headed the Institute of Journalism in Ghana. ~~(S)~~

(C) It is noted that information from [] is extremely confidential, is to be used for lead purposes only and is not to be disseminated outside of this Bureau. ~~(S)~~

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Contacts with the following New York informants during January and February, 1968, failed to reveal any additional information regarding the subject: ~~(C)~~ (U)

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